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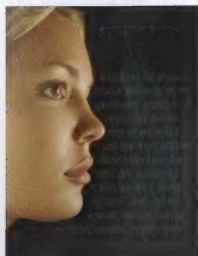
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It's always a pleasure to print stories about our alumni who are succeeding in following their dreams.

This issue is no exception. Good

news about the University of Alberta is highlighted in a story about a television commercial many of you may have watched on CBC TV during the recent Turin Olympics. The ad, seen by millions of viewers, featured Governor General's Award-winning playwright **Vern Thiessen**, '92 MFA, doing a tongue-in-cheek commentary about mild-mannered Canadians against a backdrop of over-achieving members of the U of A community.

I was personally impressed by the ad as was President Indira Samarasekera who said: "They did a fabulous job with this commercial. In just 30 seconds, they manage to showcase science, sports, the arts, teaching, research, and capture the all-round excellence of the U of A."

What terrific timing to launch the University's national and international awareness campaign during the Olympics when so many talented Canadian athletes were going for (and got) gold. On that note, reaching a personal best and pursuing a dream can sometimes seem so elusive, but for Edmonton natives Rhonda and Blake Johnson—who have a total of four U of A degrees between them—that dream has become a reality with the outdoor adventure company they began in 1999.

Finally, I encourage you to look at the full text of President Samarasekera's vision for the University. Moving boldly forward at a breathtaking pace, the President is setting the stage for our alma mater to achieve its own personal best—going for gold locally, nationally and internationally.

Although the old adage would have us believe that "no news is good news," here at *New Trail* we know that "no news" is pretty much anathema to what we do. Fortunately for us, "good news" just seems to keep coming and we could not be more pleased to share these inspirational stories with you in another colourful issue.

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landmarks

■ The 2006 winners of the J. Gordin Kaplan Award for Excellence in Research have been announced.

Norman C. Beaulieu, iCORE Research Chair, Canada Research Chair, and Professor of Engineering; and Royston Greenwood, Telus Professor of Strategic Management in the School of Business, will be honoured at an awards ceremony on 7 March 2006.

■ University of Alberta professor Nicole Tomczak-Jaegermann has been awarded the 2006 CRM-Fields-PIMS Prize, Canada's premier mathematics prize, which recognizes exceptional achievement in mathematical sciences. Tomczak-Jaegermann earned her PhD from Warsaw University in Poland, and served as a visiting professor at Texas A & M University before joining the U of A in 1983.

■ Walter Jule, U of A professor of art and design, was named as the University's representative to the newly created Edmonton Design Committee in February. The 11-member committee will advise city council on how to make downtown look better, guided by four principles: design excellence, scale and context, integration, and urbanism.

■ Eric Thurston, head coach of the University of Alberta Golden Bears, has been named the Canada West Hockey Coach of the Year for 2005-06.

In his first season as head coach of the Golden Bears after serving the last 11 as an assistant coach, Thurston becomes only the third coach in conference history to be named Coach of the Year in his first season behind the bench.

■ David Cox was named the new CEO of TEC Edmonton, effective 1 April 2006. TEC Edmonton, formed in 2004 as a joint venture between Edmonton Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) and the technology transfer unit of the University of Alberta, is a not-for-profit service organization staffed by U of A and EEDC employees that helps inventors and entrepreneurs bring technology-based ventures to the market.

■ In October physics professor Jack Tuszynski was appointed Allard Research Chair in Oncology. The Allard Research Chair in Oncology was made possible by an initial \$2 million donation from the Allard Foundation to the Alberta Cancer Foundation Conquering Cancer Research Endowment Fund.

■ **Roger Epp**, '84 BA, who has served as Augustana Faculty's acting dean since the former independent college merged with the U of A in 2004, has been appointed as the Faculty's dean. His five-year term begins 1 July.

Augustana Faculty is located in Camrose, about 100 km southeast of Edmonton.

■ The University of Alberta Press has launched the first in a series of new books in The University of Alberta Centennial Series. *Architecture, Town Planning and Community: Selected Writings and Public Talks by Cecil Burgess, 1909-1946*, edited by Donald Wetherall, offers a unique insight into the social and intellectual dimensions of architecture and town planning during the first half of the 20th century. **Cecil Burgess**, '58 LLD (Honorary), was professor of architecture and resident architect at the U of A between 1913 and 1940. The final offering in the Centennial Series will be an official history of the U of A, written by **Rod Macleod**, '62 BA, professor of history; it will be published in time for the University's centennial in 2008.

■ Greg Hollingshead, professor emeritus of English, and **Thomas Wharton**, '91 BA, '93 MA, both of Edmonton, were nominated for the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award, one of the richest book prizes in the world. Hollingshead was nominated for *Bedlam*, set in a mental asylum in the aftermath of the French Revolution, and Wharton for *The Logogryph*, an exploration of the magic of reading. The short-list will be announced on 5 April, the winner on 14 June.

■ A \$500,000 funding boost for The Joint Research Laboratory project—a collaborative research venture between the U of A and China's Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)—was announced on 17 January. The joint research project will focus on three main areas of research: nanotechnology, environment, and energy. Projects will be identified and pursued based on their importance and interest to both Alberta and China. The first five joint research projects have been approved and scientists from both sides will begin working together this year. This project was made possible by a three-year agreement signed in October 2005 between the U of A and MOST.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Pat McCaffery Long jumper

Jumping Right In

Ken Manning, '52 BCom called our Reader Response Line about our request for an identification of the long jumper pictured on page 52 of the Winter 05/06 issue. Ken said, "From the expression on his face, I think that's Pat McCaffery, one of four lawyer brothers who had a law firm in Calgary." McCaffery, '51 BA, '52 LLB, is no longer alive. There were, at the time the photo was taken, about 2,800 U of A students.

Old School Ties

How *New Trail* has improved over the years! I read the current issue [Winter 05/06] cover to cover with great interest. A great university now, even in my time it was recognized for quality education. Our graduates proceeded to "big name" universities on an equal footing with their own graduates.

P.S. I expect to have a great grandson graduate from the U of A in '08.

Marion Sullivan (Jamieson),
'27 BSc
Guelph, ON

Error of Invention

I very much enjoyed Kim Green's article "The A Team," but I observed one small error — Thomas Edison's middle name is 'Alva' not Alvin.

Art Davison, '51 BSc
Edmonton, AB

Afternoon Delight

I received *New Trail* [Winter 05/06] in my mailbox at 10:00 a.m. this morning and it's 4:07 in the afternoon now and I've read it through. It is the most wonderful issue that I've read in a long time with all the articles on the people who are new to the University and why they came. A delightful exposure. Thank you ever so much.

Sheila Vasicek (Kelly),
'56 Dip(Nu)
Sherwood Park, AB

Happy Trails

I really enjoy the publications you are generating (call me old school, but getting *New Trail* is still a pleasant feeling... something to hold in one's hands).

Stanford F. Blade, '81 BSc
Director (Research for
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Ibadan, Nigeria

Help Me Ronda

As I was reading the articles in the latest edition of *New Trail* (Winter 05/06) I noticed a picture with familiar cliffs and a bridge in the background (pg. 31). The caption identified the photo as that of Rhoda, Spain. But the scene is actually the Spanish city of Ronda. I have fond memories of the architecture, food and the friendly people of this city who were patient with my stumbling attempts to communicate in Spanish.

Nancy McIntyre, '80 BSc,
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(Editor's Note: Our mistake and our apologies to the people of 'Ronda.')

Bio Signs

I am prompted to write by the first letter to the editor on page 2 of the Winter 05/06 issue (referring to Nobel Prize winner Dick Taylor). I do not know how many Nobels the U of A has accumulated. They are honours slightly more rare than biographies in the *Oxford Dictionaries of National Biography*. The new *DNB* lists 50,000 biographies of those who were famous in British history in the past millennium. Of these at least two had U of A connections: President Henry Marshall Tory and Professor William Rowan. Can anyone find more? I am one of the 6,000 *DNB* authors.

Thomas Preston,
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Sewell Ceremony

Along with the smell of burning sage and sweet grass there was a spirit of celebration in the air as Jerry Wood, a First Nations elder, slowly walked through the U of A's Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC) blessing each room in a smudge ceremony. The occasion marked the 31 January official opening of the Sewell Reference Room in the Centre and the renaming of what has been known since 1975 as the Office of Native Student Services.

Though the name is a little different — staff just decided that a change would be good — the Centre's goal of offering guidance and support to Aboriginal students is the same. The ASSC administers a variety of programs, including a student advisor program, the Transition Year Program (TYP), an urban student recruitment and retention program, as well as tutoring and role-modelling initiatives. The renaming of the Centre and the tie-in with the opening of the Sewell Reference Room gave staff a chance to

showcase their programs and celebrate their students' successes with an open house followed by an eagle feather ceremony honouring past graduates, performances, and a reception at the Myer Horowitz Theatre.

"The event was to reconnect with the community as well," says Irene Spelliscy, acting coordinator of the TYP. "When people can come together and celebrate with food, music, dance, and be honoured for their accomplishments, the good feeling lingers."

The Sewell Reference Room in the ASSC was named in honour of Catherine Sewell, '96 BA(NativeSt), '01 MEd, who was dedicated to Aboriginal education. Sewell worked for Native Student Services and taught at the U of A's School of Native Studies. She also studied music at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton and formed the Aboriginal a cappella trio Asani, which continues to perform around the world to great acclaim.



Pow wow drumming group Thundering Spirit welcomed past graduates to a celebration with an Honouring Song.

Catherine Sewell died in 2001, and her family donated her reference materials to the ASSC so that students and others can access the books and videos. Sewell's sister Anna Marie Sewell, '91 BA, spoke to the crowd and encouraged people to use the Sewell Reference Room and to come there with joy and an open heart, ready to learn. Catherine's brother Don Sewell then cut the ribbon to officially open the room — with his jackknife instead of the office scissors that were offered to him.

The Aboriginal Student Services Centre is in 2-400 Students' Union Building.

Finger Tips

Though they started their study as something of a lark, researchers in the U of A's department of biology discovered a possible connection between finger length and aggression that generated overwhelming international interest through 2005.

"We thought, 'We'll give it a go, ha, ha!'" says Peter Hurd, U of A professor of biology, about the research he and graduate student Allie Bailey, '05 MSc, did. That work found a correlation between digit ratio (the length of a person's index finger in relation to the ring finger) and tendency toward physical aggression.

Their findings were published in *Behavior Psychology* last March, and a summation of the study made the list of the top 10 searched items on the science news website EurekAlert! Newspapers, magazines, and radio programs around the world ran versions of the story, and even Jay Leno talked about it during one of his *Tonight Show* monologues.

Bailey and Hurd's study used a questionnaire to assess aggressive tendencies in a number of men and women and found that men whose index finger is shorter than their ring finger have a slightly higher tendency to physical aggression. No correlation was found in women (although a study conducted at Ohio State University

found a similar relationship in women but not in men).

Though the idea sounds quirky — "Wow! palmistry!" says Hurd — finger length is an easy thing to check, which might explain the water cooler buzz generated by the study.

But both Hurd and Bailey caution against looking to anyone's hands for a quick read of personality. As Hurd says, "we're explaining five percent of the variation in aggressiveness. The idea of classifying someone by their digit ratio is loony tunes."

However, that didn't stop the media frenzy that began after the *Edmonton Journal* ran a front-page story and photo of Bailey. In addition to being interviewed

Michael Holly/
U of A Creative Services

The 700 Club

Three years in the making and 700 interviews later, immigrant life on the Prairies before 1939 has come alive in a collection of oral and visual histories compiled by the U of A's Ukrainian Folklore Centre.

The complete archive of interviews conducted in over 450 locations, titled *Local Culture and Diversity on the Prairies*, consists mainly of audio and video recordings documenting the everyday lives of people of Ukrainian, French, German, and English heritage who recall early life on the Prairies. The tales and images are also woven into a half-hour movie highlighting these reminiscences.

"Basically," says **Andriy Nahachewsky**, '85 MA, '91 PhD, head of the Ukrainian Folklore Centre and principal investigator for the project, "we wanted to speak with as many people as we could and get first-hand accounts of what early life was like on the Prairies. But when we finished it even we were surprised by the breadth and scope of the material we were able to gather."

"I think it was crucial to compile these oral histories and archive them," says **Theresa Warenycia**, '93 BA, president of the Friends of the Ukrainian Folklore Centre. "If we didn't have these records of the stories of these people, then those stories would be lost forever."

One such story is that of Harry Husiak who recalls the first Ukrainian teacher from Winnipeg, "a man named Lysetsky," arriving in the area "and doing a very nice deed for the district children. He took a look around and got to know the district and saw teenagers at home that didn't attend school.



Above: In the Crowsnest Pass area mid-1930s. Left: baseball players in the area of Shandro, Alberta.

So he called a meeting and told their parents, 'I have an idea for you. Three times a week, three hours a night, I'll hold an open school and you make sure not just your teenagers but you yourselves come to learn one-two-three, A-B-C.'

Another story is Margaret Brown's anecdote about her aunt arriving to visit her brother "and she was so tired after the long trip and the train and buckboard that she said to her brother,

'Stanley, where's the bath?' And so he took her outside and hanging on the edge of the shack was an old tin tub and that was her introduction to the West."

Researchers from Campus Saint-Jean and the University of Winnipeg also participated in the project that was partly funded by a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage and Multiculturalism. The full collection of interviews is housed at the Bohdan Medwidsky Ukrainian Folklore Archives in the U of A's Ukrainian Folklore Centre.

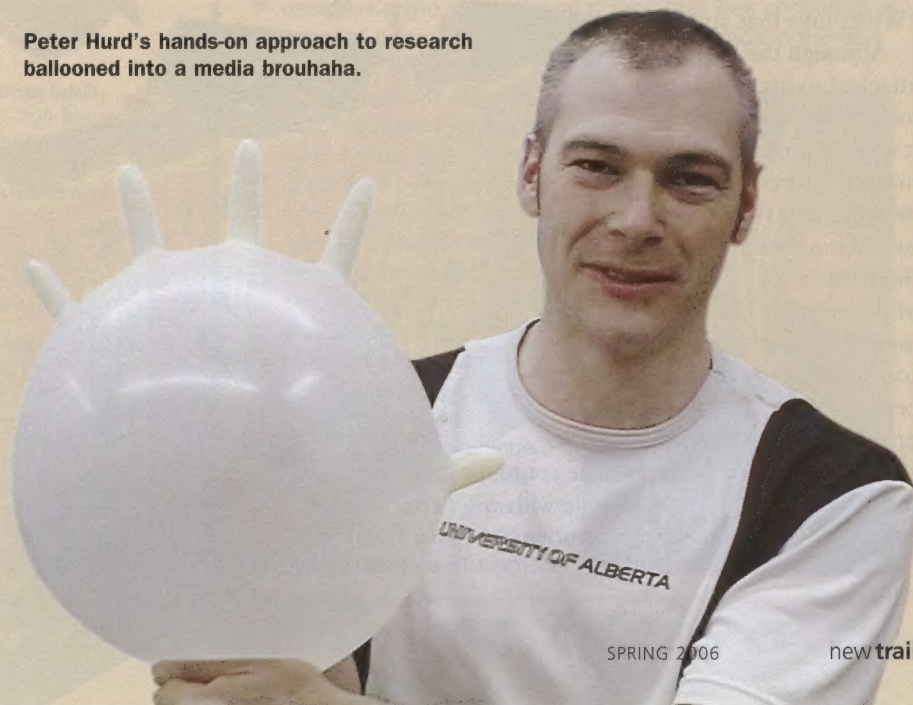
—Kim Green

for stories in the *New York Times* and other newspapers—including a Chilean newspaper that printed the article in Spanish—Bailey says, "I gave a couple of radio interviews, one as far away as a morning show in Sydney, Australia."

Hurd's lab is continuing the digit ratio study with a study of the connection between digit ratio and physical aggression in hockey players. And Bailey, who received her master's in 2005, has resumed studies at the U of A in stage management. As for her whirlwind media experience, she says, "It was a bit hectic and overwhelming but overall it was very positive. It was definitely a highlight to my master's degree."

—Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA

Peter Hurd's hands-on approach to research ballooned into a media brouhaha.





bear country

Lego Legerdemain

Laszlo Szojka's specialty in Lego construction, as listed on the Northern Alberta Lego Users Group (NALUG), is "Bridges and Large Scale Projects." He's not kidding.

Although no bridges were in evidence with his latest creation, he's certainly lived up to his billing as a large scale modeller ... large as in it taking six full-grown men to move the finished product; large as in it personally costing him over \$4,000 to purchase the blocks needed to build the model (not to mention the labour involved); large as in largesse in that he did it all out of love for the art of Lego construction and a fondness for a place he was in residence at from 1988 to '92 — St. Joseph's College at the U of A.

Visitors walking into the main foyer in St. Joe's were greeted by the sight of Szojka's labour of love — a completely to scale model of the College made out of over 40,000 Lego blocks and taking almost eight months to complete. "I made it at home on the dining room table," laughs Szojka. "Wives love that stuff."

Although the sign attached to his almost two metre long creation said it was six months in the making, he personally modifies that time frame by pointing out that there was a lot of preparation involved before construction could even begin. "I had to get the blueprints for the building from the St. Joseph's archives," he says. "The entire model is built completely to scale with each Lego brick actually representing one foot."

That's not the only bit of paying attention to the details that Szojka engaged in. "The pieces in the model come from all over the world," he says, "because you can't just walk into a store and buy them here."

Of course, it's not the first large-scale project Szojka has built. One of his other creations is an over-five-metre-long foot suspension bridge modelled after a similar structure in Saskatoon that took him six months alone just to gather the 20,000 pieces needed to create the water effect under the bridge. The complete model comprises a total of 70,000 Lego pieces including 44 large base plates and the 25,000 pieces needed to construct the bridge that's supported by black string threaded from twin towers that are over two metres high.

It's not exactly the kind of money- and time-consuming hobby the financial consultant who left the University before graduation to begin a business career would recommend his clients

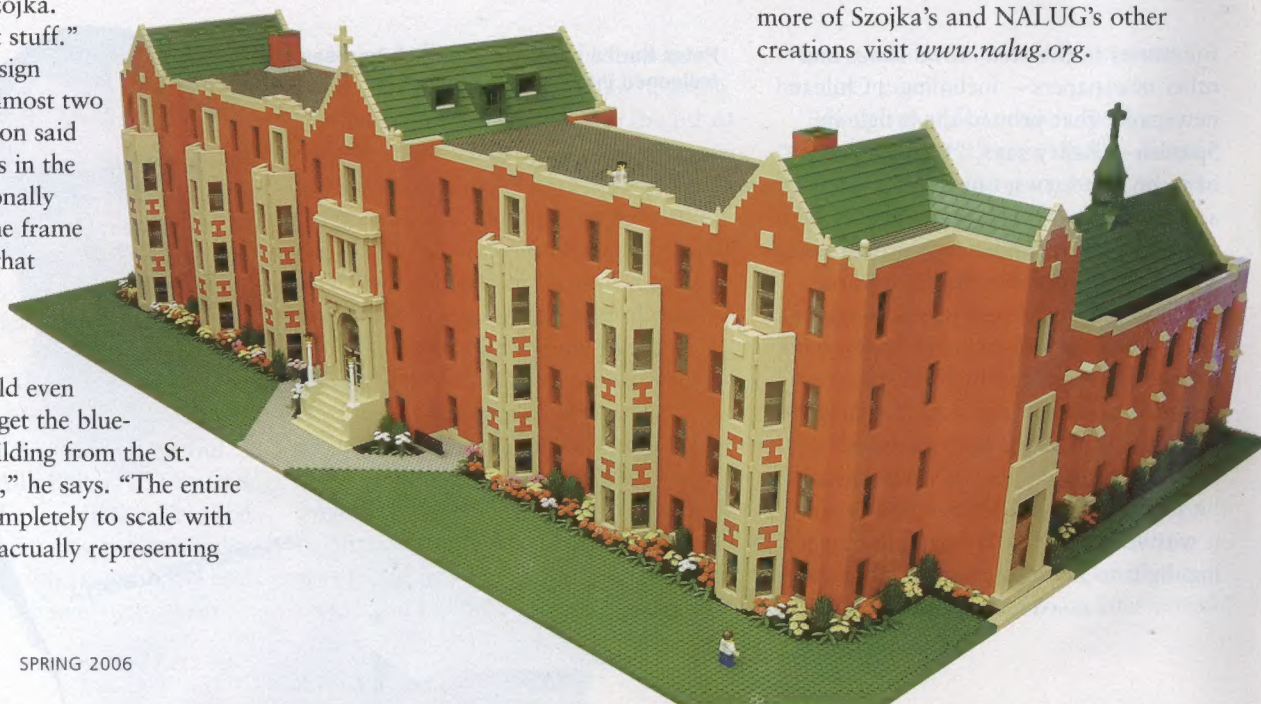


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pursue. But for Szojka, who says he's "been playing with Lego since he was five," part of the fun is seeing people's reactions to his — and the other members of NALUG — creations as they ask the inevitable question: "Is this all really Lego?"

As for what's eventually going to happen to his full-scale replica of St. Joseph's College, or his other creations, for that matter, he says, "I basically just put it together. What happens to it afterwards is beyond my control."

Well, not exactly, in this case. Although still intact, the model is now back in Szojka's hands. However, you can see more pictures of it at www.ualberta.ca/~stjoseph/. Or to see more of Szojka's and NALUG's other creations visit www.nalug.org.



Millions See Spot Run

After years of hard work honing his skills, Vern Thiessen, '92 MFA, finally got a spot at the Olympics—a TV spot, that is. Thiessen, a well-known Edmonton-based playwright and Governor General's Award winner, is the actor in a 30-second commercial promoting the U of A that aired on CBC and CBC Newsworld during the Turin Olympics.

Thiessen's modesty almost kept him from auditioning for the commercial. He hadn't acted for decades and says, "I sat with the producer and director and told them I was the completely wrong person... that they should get someone famous or a good-looking jock or a babe."

It's just that kind of stereotypically Canadian, self-effacing attitude that the commercial pokes fun at. In the commercial, shots of successful U of A athletes, students and researchers strutting

their stuff follow Thiessen's tongue-in-cheek descriptions of Canadians as modest, quiet, and not too serious.

"The ad was very well written," says Thiessen of the commercial produced by the University's Public Affairs Office and created by Edmonton's The Idea Factory, "and I had a lot of fun doing it."

The interest Thiessen shows in his alma mater during the commercial is no act. "I care about the University," he says, "and I was very pleased to be able to help in this way. The U of A has been very, very good to me and was a big part of my success. I'm happy to see that they're promoting themselves, as they should be."

"I was very impressed," University President Indira Samarasekera says. "They did a fabulous job with this commercial. In just 30 seconds, they manage to showcase science, sports, the



arts, teaching, research, and capture the all-round excellence of the U of A."

The commercial aired more than 200 times during the Turin Olympics, reaching an audience of around 10 million viewers. If you missed it on TV, check the University's website at www.ualberta.ca and follow the link to the "U of A Olympics commercial."

—Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA

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All proceeds from the Wall of Fame Dinner support scholarships for our student athletes so they can concentrate on academics and athletics with fewer financial burdens.

Coat Check

With an eye towards President Indira Samarasekera's place of birth, U of A industrial design graduate **Brett Carlyle, '05 BA**, has given the President a unique place to hang her hat on ... as well as her coat.

Combining form and function in a lotus flower inspired design, Carlyle created a coat rack that was chosen by a panel of jurors to take a place of prominence in the new president's office.

"I found out she was from Sri Lanka where the lotus flower is a pretty important cultural icon," says Carlyle. With that in mind he created his flower-inspired metal coat rack that not only found favour with the adjudicators but, more importantly, with Samarasekera herself.

"Invariably, guests will comment on the unique design of the furniture," she says, "and I proudly reply that it was designed by our talented students."



Caillín Crawshaw



bear country

Wild Rose Washington

Alberta will be front and centre in Washington, D.C., this summer thanks to the good folks at the Smithsonian Institute.

The Folklife Festival, an annual event held at the Smithsonian since 1967, runs late June and early July on the grounds of the National Mall. Each year a different country is featured at the Festival, and this year it's Canada's turn ... or, rather, Alberta's.

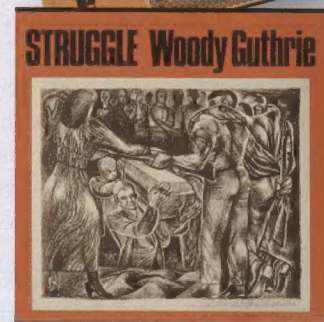
What with the election and all, the federal government said it was too busy to accept the Smithsonian's invitation to feature Canada this year. That's when Alberta stepped forward and volunteered. "I think it's another extension of Alberta's



An estimated one million visitors to the National Mall will see the Alberta displays during the Folklife Festival this summer in Washington.

push to improve relations with the United States," says Lorna Arndt, Project Manager at folkwaysAlive!, a U of A partnership with Smithsonian Folkways Recordings. "And the relationship that already existed between the Smithsonian and the U of A made the proposition do-able."

Exhibits promoting Alberta will be set up in an area the size of two football fields and will be open to the public each day during the Festival. A Folkways-inspired concert at the Terrace Theater in the Kennedy Center will be held on 29 June. A joint U of A/Smithsonian Folkways event, the concert will feature two groups from Alberta and two from the United States. A pre-concert reception for alumni from Alberta universities, the Banff Centre and the Alberta College of Art and Design will provide a chance to mingle and celebrate the province.



Celebrate Alberta in Washington this summer

Why not include the Folklife Festival in your summer plans? Tickets to the reception and concert are free. If you would like to attend, contact the U of A's Office of Alumni Affairs.

My Favourite Year

You've probably already got your calendar for this year, but that doesn't mean you couldn't use a large (35 cm x 50 cm) important date marker to hang on your wall with lots of pretty pictures courtesy of the Faculty of Engineering.

Since 2002 engineering alumni have contributed the photos on a fixed theme—this year's was *Expanding Our Reach, Exploring Our Potential*—that go into making a glossy calendar to help raise money (through optional donations) for the Engineering Student Life Enhancement Fund. The 2005 calendar brought in over \$86,000 that helped financially strapped students do such things as attend international conferences and compete in vehicle building projects.

The calendar is free and features remarkable photos, such as **Amin Ahmed's**, '02 BSc(Eng), picture of Venice at night that, he says, appealed to him "because of the vast contrast between our fast, automobile-based lifestyle versus the tranquil, water-based culture of Venice." Or **Rachel Parker's** '99 BSc (Eng), picture of water storage tanks in India built in 1499 that to her were "an awe-inspiring reminder of how India's ancestors

approached engineering and design with both function and decoration in mind."

"The calendar theme for 2007 hasn't been cooked up yet," says **Sherrell Steele**, '02 MA, the Faculty's head of communications, "so if you have any suggestions, we're open to ideas."

Theme suggestions, calendar requests or queries about future photographic contributions, if you're an Engineering Faculty grad they can all go Steele's way. Reach her at (780) 492-4514 or sherrell.steele@ualberta.ca.



HEAVENS ABOVE!

There are lots of ways of acknowledging your alma mater—donating to a scholarship, attending Reunion weekend, cheering on the football team while wearing green and gold. But one U of A grad has taken his appreciation to new heights. Asteroid-hunter **Andrew Lowe**, '82 BSc, has named a celestial discovery Uofalberta in honour of his alma mater.

"I have lots of fond memories of the U of A," says Lowe. "As a result of my training there I have had a successful career." That career involves a day job searching the Earth for oil and gas reserves as an exploration geophysicist for EnCana. At night he searches the sky for asteroids.

Lowe's father sparked that interest in the night sky back in May 1967 by pointing out a partial solar eclipse over Edmonton. When the then-eight-year-old Andrew saw that wonder, he was hooked on astronomy for life. So much so that as a teenager he spent money from his first job to buy a big telescope, attached a camera to it, and began taking pictures of asteroids.

The technology has changed significantly since then. Now that celestial photographs taken in California and New Mexico have been digitized and put on the Internet, Lowe can search the sky with his computer. For a few hours each night, long after his family has gone to bed, Lowe is awake and alert, looking for asteroids. "Certainly I don't get as much sleep as I should," he says.

"Asteroids are so small that they look like faint stars, but because they're relatively close to us, they appear to move quite quickly," says Lowe. "You discover them by taking pictures of the sky throughout the night and then looking for anything moving."

When he sees the motion that distinguishes an asteroid, Lowe tracks its movement long enough to determine a recognizable orbit. He then sends his data to the Minor Planet Center, part of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Massachusetts. If his discovery of a previously unknown asteroid is confirmed, he's given the opportunity to name it. A committee of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), an association of professional astronomers, must also approve the name.

The process can take up to a few years, depending on how long it takes to follow and confirm an asteroid's orbit. He first found the now-named Uofalberta asteroid in 2002. Over the years he's found almost 250 asteroids and, in recognition of advances in the way he tracks asteroids, the IAU has even named an asteroid after him.



Blythe Lowe

"Certainly I don't get as much sleep as I should," says Andrew Lowe about his asteroid-hunting hobby that recently saw him name a find after his alma mater.

"I discovered my first asteroid in June 2000, although it wasn't confirmed for a few years, so it wasn't the first one I numbered and named," he says. The first asteroid he numbered and named he found in September 2002 and named the following March. "I named it for my wife, Blythe."

Since then Lowe has named asteroids for his children, his in-laws, and friends including Doug Hube, professor emeritus of physics at the U of A. When he sent in the information about the asteroid now called Uofalberta, it was given the provisional designation 2002 QV53.

The name "was a complete fluke," Lowe says. "But I had a vague recollection that the QV sounded a bit familiar, so I did a bit of poking around and found out that the letters were the initials of the University motto, *Quaecumque Vera* [whatsoever things are true]." Inspired by this sign from above, Lowe made the decision to name the asteroid after his alma mater.

His U of A-designated asteroid is 5 km in diameter and takes about 5.7 years to go around the sun. "It's a very typical asteroid," says Lowe, "moving in the mid-to-outer part of the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter." And although not huge, it's still, he says, "mountain-sized on the scale of the Earth."

—Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA

Far Sighted

When unexpected funds suddenly came her way, Paddy Ann Peat looked to create a fund of her own

In her early 20s, Patricia Ann Peat (Paddy Ann to her friends) made a promise to herself: if she ever had money, she would donate it to doctors who study eye diseases.

It was a promise that came from a deep and painful understanding. She was born two-and-a-half months premature in 1947, and at least four years would pass before doctors would begin to piece together the factors behind an epidemic of blindness in infants that began in the early 1940s. Today the condition is called retinopathy of prematurity. It's the result of high concentrations of oxygen being fed into premature infants' incubators, a routine practice in North America both during and after the Second World War.

"All my life," she says, "I've had to fight to see."

Paddy Ann had her first eye surgery at the age of one. It was performed by Dr. Mark R. Marshall (deceased), the first chair of the University of Alberta's Department of Ophthalmology. Paddy Ann escaped total blindness. But the damage already done meant a childhood marked by doctors visits and suffering through the indignities young people foist upon those who are 'different.' Her ridiculously thick glasses and the way she wrote and read nose-to-the-page so she could make out the lines and curves of the letters drew taunts throughout her school years.

"The disability had a huge effect on my life," she says. "The eye condition that I had meant that I really had very little vision until I had cataract surgery at the age of 50. It's made a tremendous difference. Yes, I will always be

short-sighted, but I see better now than I have ever done. Had there not been the advances in surgery, that wouldn't have been available to me."

Because Paddy Ann wears glasses — cool, rhinestone-studded ones, at that — people assume that her vision is completely corrected. That's not the case. She still faces vision-related stumbling blocks every day. "I've insulted acquaintances by not returning their waves from across the street, or even by walking right past them. I don't mean to be rude.

*"All my life
I've relied upon
doctors to help
me see."*

I just don't see them. I've even gotten into cars with strangers when I was waiting for a ride. It can be embarrassing."

In 2003, Paddy Ann received an unexpected inheritance. The first thing that came to mind was that long-ago promise she had made to herself. Suddenly, she was in a position to make a difference.

Not knowing where to start, she contacted her ophthalmologist, who arranged a meeting with Dr. Ian M.



Suzanne Harris

MacDonald, the current chair of the U of A's Department of Ophthalmology. (MacDonald, it turns out, had been a student of Paddy Ann's childhood ophthalmologist, the same doctor who performed her first surgery.)

"There wasn't enough money for an endowment, but I created the *Patricia Ann Peat Ophthalmic Research Fund* and contribute to it each year," she explains. "I could have put restrictions on the fund, but I wanted Dr. MacDonald to use the money as he saw fit and not limit the work that was done."

Last year, Paddy Ann's research fund paid for two students to work as research assistants in the Ophthalmology Department. "Without Paddy Ann's contribution," MacDonald says, "we wouldn't have been able to support them in their studentship work for the summer."

MacDonald also points out that the summer studentships help launch careers because these young students often become so enthusiastic about their work they realize it's something they'd like to do for the rest of their lives. So her gift not only provides for immediate research help, but also helps provide educational experience for future doctors and students interested in vision research.

"Recently," MacDonald says, "Paddy Ann has been one of the major donors to our department, outside of the Lions Club. I don't know why that is because about one-third of individuals over 75 have macular degeneration and demand for vision care is only going to increase, especially with baby boomers beginning to pour into an older age grouping."

"I would say that vision is one of the most important health care concerns of seniors, yet vision research doesn't receive a lot of research funding nationally. And the pool of research funds that does exist is somewhat limited. Any additional funding, either for studentships or for research, is very greatly appreciated. So Paddy Ann may be very modest about her contribution, but from my standpoint, it's wonderful."

"All my life I've relied upon doctors to help me see," Paddy Ann says. "Without the advances that have been

made, without the surgeries I've had, I would not see as well as I do. I want to make sure that research continues so that other people can benefit. Besides, the money I'm giving for research now may help *me* in the future. I don't know what I'm going to face as I head into my senior years."

In addition to her annual gift to eye research through the *Patricia Ann Peat Ophthalmic Research Fund*, she's also remembered the University in her will and is leaving a legacy gift to the same fund. Money from her fund will continue to support research in ophthalmology at the University.

"If I'm ever in a position to do more, I will," Paddy Ann says. "Contributing in this way is totally empowering because I'm doing something to help others. It's important to me. It was my dream." ■

— Suzanne Harris, '89 BA



Marcus Bence

Left to right: Dr. Ian MacDonald, Matthew Hudson, Paddy Ann Peat and Joseph Hawkwood. (U of A students Hudson and Hawkwood received funding for research in 2005 from Peat's fund.)

How the Peat Gift Works

Research funds are created by individuals or groups who wish to invest the capital of their donations directly to a specific purpose. Research funds support a number of initiatives on campus. A donation can be directed to a specific program, department or faculty. There are many exciting and rewarding ways to help the University's highly respected mission to create and share knowledge.

The *Patricia Ann Peat Ophthalmic Research Fund* has been established so that donations support ophthalmology research. Paddy Ann currently provides "annual funds" for the research which means her annual donations are directly applied to research in ophthalmology. In time, Paddy Ann may donate additional capital to an endowment which will support her Research Fund.

Like many donors, Paddy Ann has made a charitable bequest in her will that directs a portion of her estate to support an endowment. In this case, Paddy Ann's bequest will be directed to the research she has contributed to for so long. This final philanthropic gesture will ensure there continues to be funding to support ophthalmic research in perpetuity.

For more information about research funds, endowments and ways to make such planned gifts, we would be pleased to hear from you.

☐ I have included the University of Alberta in my will.

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Venus and Mars

Women and men start to go their separate ways when the male-making Y chromosome (a mere slip of thread with a meagre 25 genes) meets the fulsome female X chromosome (replete with over 1,000 genes). From then on, it's a whole different ball game.

A new U of A study points out just how different by demonstrating that the XX crew uses a different part of the brain to process the same tasks as the XY contingent (and vice versa). Lead author of the study, **Emily Bell**, '00 BSc, '03 MSc, a PhD student, says, "The results jumped out at us. Sometimes males and females would perform the same tasks and show different brain activation, and sometimes they would

perform different tasks and show the same brain activation."

The study, published in the December 2005 issue of the journal *NeuroImage*, used magnetic resonance imaging to record brain activity while the subjects performed memory, verbal, motor, and visual-spatial tasks. Peter Silverstone — U of A psychiatry professor and co-author of the study — says, "Finding that different regions of the brain are activated in men and women in response to the same task has large potential implications for a variety of different clinical situations."

"We'd like to push forward in this area," says Bell, a recent winner of a graduate student research award as well as a Killam Scholar. "It hasn't been seen yet how this information can be used to help patients, but more work in this area may lead to that."

Hope Springs Eternal

The dictionary defines hope as a combination of expectation and desire.

Hope-Lit, a new database developed by the Hope Foundation of Alberta and the Faculty of Education, has clearly exceeded expectations while meeting a desire for its creation.

"Hope-Lit's one-of-a-kind database makes it possible to quickly find the latest research on hope, no matter where it's happening in the world," says **Denise Larsen**, '88 BA, '92 BEd, '95 MEd, '99 PhD, professor of educational psychology and director of research for the Hope Foundation, who began work on compiling the database in 2004. "Hope study is very much an interdisciplinary field and with the new database we're able to quickly locate important hope resources across disciplines and network with other researchers, wherever they are located."

Launched at the end of January in conjunction with Hope Week in Alberta, the database contains more than 2,200 full references and spans a vast array of subjects from mental illness and palliative care to substance abuse and trauma. The information

contained on the site is also kept current and up-to-date with an automated "hope search strategy" that communicates with other databases around the world.

"We're swamped with interest in the study of hope," says Larsen. "Although academics, health-care providers, educators and other professionals have long recognized the power of hope, it's only recently become an area of study in high demand. This year alone, at least a dozen prospective graduate students from across Canada have travelled to Edmonton to meet with me, and response to our post-doctoral fellowship in hope has drawn applicants from around the globe."

The Hope-Lit database is intended to be as comprehensive as possible and to support hope research and practice around the world. "Higher hope is virtually always related to better life outcomes," says Larsen. "We also know that hope is one of the universal factors that impact the effectiveness of psychological therapy."

(Access the Hope-Lit database at www.hope-lit.ualberta.ca)

Bank On It

"There is no other resource quite like it," says **David Wishart**, '83 BSc, professor of computing science and biological sciences, about his DrugBank database. He's talking about the world's most complete online drug resource guide with chemical, pharmaceutical, medical and molecular biological information on over 4,000 drugs, including more than 3,000 experimental drugs.

If you want to find out more about such drugs as Oxymorphone, Isocarboxazid, Cephalexin, or Hydroxocobalamin, redpoll.pharmacy.ualberta.ca/drugbank is the place to go. Wishart and his team spent more than four years searching hundreds of journals as well as scores of electronic databases and textbooks to compile this comprehensive guide to everything you need to know about a drug and its efficacy profile.

The site gives visitors free access to more than 80 data fields including patient information, possible side effects, links to pertinent Internet sites and the drug's contraindications.

"DrugBank," says Wishart, "is the first database we're aware of that brings the latest data from the Human Genome Project together with detailed chemical information about drugs and drug products. There's no other resource quite like it."

He began the project as a teaching aid to give his pharmacy students additional information on the molecular properties of various drugs. But as time went on, it expanded into what is now a worldwide resource.

"Whether you're a patient, pharmacist, doctor or scientist," says Wishart, "with DrugBank you're never more than a mouse-click away from finding an answer." Although he does caution that DrugBank is intended for scientific and education purposes only and is no substitute for professional diagnosis or treatment.

Wind Talker

You think last year's hurricane season was a tad on the tempestuous side? Just imagine being on Jupiter and facing wind speeds of up to 540 kilometres an hour — double anything an Earth-bound hurricane can (so far) throw at you.

The exact cause of Jupiter's hellacious winds have long puzzled scientists. But recently U of A physicist Moritz Heimpel and his research team created a 3-D computer model that suggested Jupiter's constant winds — viewed as visible cloud bands wrapping around the planet — are powered by forces deep within the giant ball of liquid and gas.

Jupiter is 11 times the size of the Earth with temperatures ranging from minus 145°C at its outer perimeter to around 24,000°C (hotter than the sun) at its core. The planet's 'surface' is composed of atmospheric clouds that circle it parallel to its equator.

But it's never been clear as to whether the winds that constantly sweep around the fifth planet from the sun are shallow and solar powered or deep and propelled by Jupiter's internal heat. "Our computer model," says Heimpel, "gives strong evidence of a deep origin of Jupiter's winds."

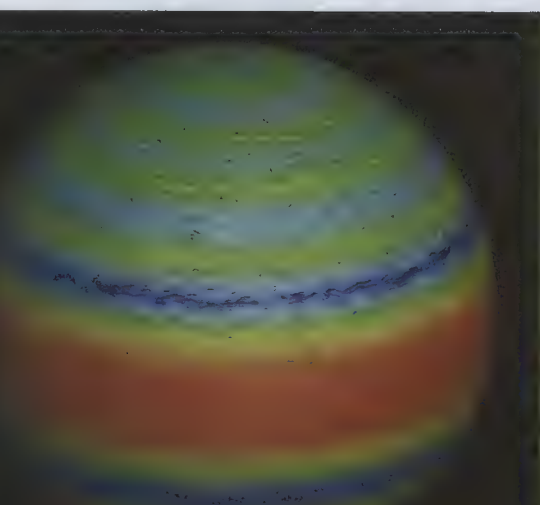
The findings were recently published in *Nature* magazine. They were made possible, Heimpel says, because of better code, a theory for fluid dynamics on a planetary scale, and access to the WestGrid computer consortium, a \$50 million work in progress to purchase and install an innovative, high-performance grid-enabling computing infrastructure across western Canada.

"We have images from space missions that show fluid motion in

incredible detail," says Heimpel.

"And giant planets like Jupiter provide a natural laboratory for the fluid dynamics of other planetary bodies."

Back on the third rock from the sun, Heimpel hopes his research will help provide answers about the flow in Earth's liquid outer core as well as for zonal currents in the world's oceans.



Dry Heat

"Something needs to be done," says Arturo Sanchez-Azofeifa about the little-known fate of the world's tropical dry forests. Home to such endangered species as the Mexican jaguar and Mexican prairie dog, the tropical dry forests — found primarily in Central and South America,

southern Asia and parts of Australia — are threatened by deforestation.

Dry forests are often under siege by land developers who see in their natural beauty and clement climate ideal locations for golf courses and hotel resorts, and the native timber also includes such valuable lumber-market species as rosewood and mahogany.

"We're losing the land before we even understand it," says Sanchez-Azofeifa, an

associate professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and director of the newly formed TROPIC-DRY, a research network housed in the Faculty of Science whose goal is the preservation of the remaining tropical dry forests.

"We need to preserve it," he says, "and we need to have more researchers studying it." The latter part of that equation will be helped along by the \$2.7 million (US) kicked into the TROPIC-DRY coffers by various concerned governments. The U of A will receive \$1.1 million of the grant and use the funds to further research as well as attempt to translate what is learned into policies countries can adopt to save the forests.

"A lot of our rain forests are already officially protected because there is this romanticized view of them," says Sanchez-Azofeifa. "But tropical dry forests actually have a higher number of species that call the habitat home than rainforests and yet are already almost all lost."



A typical tropical dry forest landscape in the state of Minas Gerais, southern Brazil.

Dare to Discover

A Vision for a Great University

Dear friends,

I am very pleased to present you with the recently revised draft of our University's first-ever vision document *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University*.

Boldness of vision founded the University of Alberta nearly a century ago.

Alexander Rutherford, Alberta's first premier, was a true visionary and his dream of building a university on the rugged frontier of a brand new province became, as he said at the first U of A Convocation in 1908, "something solid and tangible."

Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University is not only a bold and ambitious statement: it's a concrete plan, a roadmap on our quest to become one of the world's best universities.

We will build our University's second century on four solid cornerstones:

- Talented People
- Learning, Discovery, and Citizenship
- Connecting Communities
- Organization and Support

Alumni have active and indispensable roles to play in each of these areas.

U of A alumni are talented leaders in business, the arts, industry, communication, public service—in every sector of our society. They contribute to life-long learning and discovery in many fields in Alberta and throughout the world. Alumni pride in our University forges vital and dynamic connections between diverse communities and, finally, in doing so transforms our organization and supports our operation.

I encourage you to read through *Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University* and envision creative and innovative ways to participate in the life of our U of A community. Beginning in March 2006, our vision statement will move forward through the General Faculties Council and on to the Board of Governors to become University policy. I invite you to visit www.president.ualberta.ca for regular updates on its progress.

I look forward to continuing in the pioneering spirit of Alexander Rutherford and Henry Marshall Tory as we launch our University's second century with bold vision, creativity, and ambition.

Yours sincerely,

Indira Samarasekera

Indira V. Samarasekera, OC
President and Vice-Chancellor

Rutherford
and Tory



Values

To achieve our vision of a great university, we rely on shared, deeply-held values that are a bedrock for our behaviour and guide our actions. These values are drawn from the principles on which we were founded in 1908 and reflect a dynamic, modern institution of higher learning, leading change nationally and internationally.

We value:

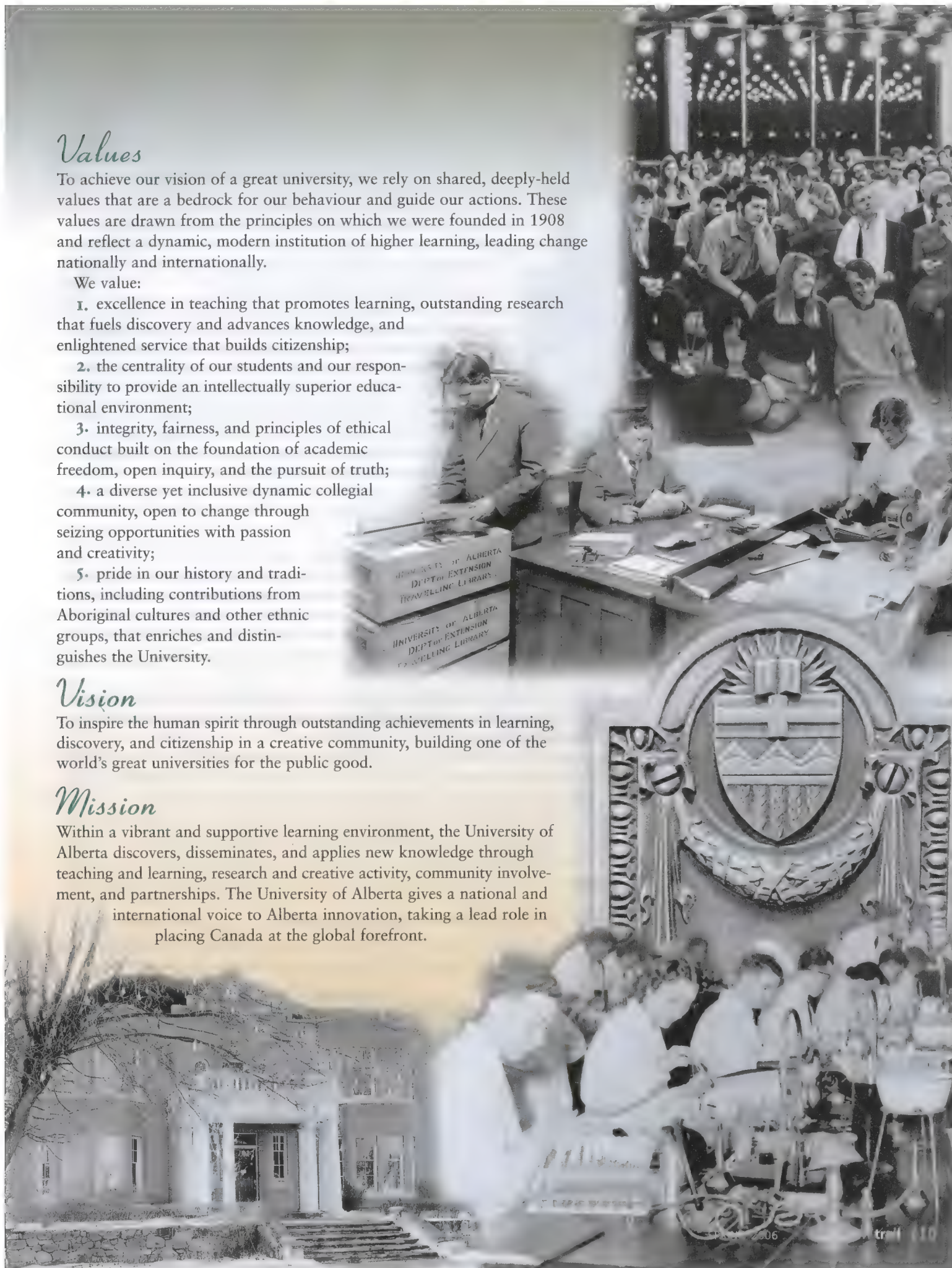
1. excellence in teaching that promotes learning, outstanding research that fuels discovery and advances knowledge, and enlightened service that builds citizenship;
2. the centrality of our students and our responsibility to provide an intellectually superior educational environment;
3. integrity, fairness, and principles of ethical conduct built on the foundation of academic freedom, open inquiry, and the pursuit of truth;
4. a diverse yet inclusive dynamic collegial community, open to change through seizing opportunities with passion and creativity;
5. pride in our history and traditions, including contributions from Aboriginal cultures and other ethnic groups, that enriches and distinguishes the University.

Vision

To inspire the human spirit through outstanding achievements in learning, discovery, and citizenship in a creative community, building one of the world's great universities for the public good.

Mission

Within a vibrant and supportive learning environment, the University of Alberta discovers, disseminates, and applies new knowledge through teaching and learning, research and creative activity, community involvement, and partnerships. The University of Alberta gives a national and international voice to Alberta innovation, taking a lead role in placing Canada at the global forefront.





Cornerstones

We have anchored our vision on four cornerstones that provide the foundation for a great university.

Talented People

1. Attract outstanding students from Alberta, Canada, and the world.
2. Create a dynamic, discovery-based learning environment by aiming for a mix of undergraduate and graduate students typical of leading public research universities.
3. Attract post-doctoral fellows, researchers, and visiting faculty from around the world to join the academic community already in place.
4. Improve access for rural, Aboriginal, and other non-traditional students through partnerships with colleges and by linkages with high schools throughout the province and improve affordability by enhancing bursaries and scholarships.
5. Recruit and retain outstanding and diverse academic staff through endowed professorships, competitive start-up funding, attractive career support, and by providing a vibrant intellectual climate that celebrates and rewards exceptional achievement.
6. Recruit and retain the best staff by fostering a culture of excellence within a healthy and safe workplace, providing progressive career opportunities, and appropriately rewarding leadership and outstanding accomplishments.
7. Enhance the global perspective and intercultural climate at the University by celebrating and drawing upon the diversity within it.

Learning, Discovery, and Citizenship

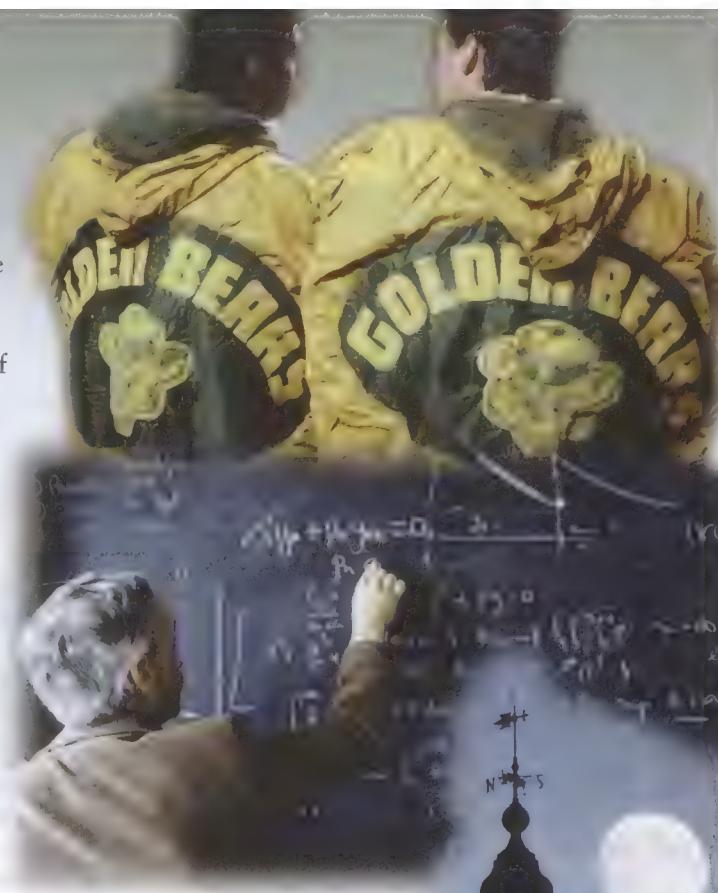
1. Create an exceptional and life-changing university experience for students through curricular and extra-curricular offerings that integrate learning, discovery, and citizenship to develop the intellect, educate leaders, and enhance a global perspective.
2. Engage students through mentorship and peer-based activities such as clubs, athletics, and social events to inspire high achievement, improve retention, and enhance graduation rates.
3. Foster scholarship and discoveries that are transformative and at the cutting-edge by rewarding impact and quality over quantity and by enhancing cross-disciplinary initiatives.
4. Increase the profile of university discovery and scholarship to benefit public policy and enhance social, cultural, and economic dividends by celebrating and rewarding achievements in knowledge translation and dissemination.
5. Foster national and international research collaborations that advance basic understanding and generate knowledge to address global challenges.
6. Reward and recognize excellence in teaching, ground-breaking scholarship, and contributions to community and nation building as public intellectuals and professionals.
7. Inspire students, faculty, and staff alike to engage in activities that develop leadership, foster social and moral responsibility, and contribute to the development of civil society and our democratic institutions.

Connecting Communities

1. Engage alumni in a mutually beneficial life-long relationship with the University of Alberta, enlisting their support to achieve the university's vision and to assist us in connecting to communities around the world.
2. Build strong partnerships with the capital region, the City of Edmonton, the City of Camrose, other urban and rural Alberta communities, and both provincial and federal governments in order to fulfill our responsibility as Alberta's university, a leader on the national stage with global connections.
3. Foster partnerships with business and industry to advance mutual goals for developing human capital, namely employment and internship opportunities for our students and access to life-long learning, and to identify research challenges and translate and disseminate our research outcomes.
4. Foster excellent relationships with Capital Health and other provincial health organizations, the post-secondary sector, the public sector, and non-governmental organizations to advance quality of life and our civil society.
5. Enhance relationships with other nations to create learning opportunities for students as well as research collaborations that address global challenges and initiatives and that will foster mutual understanding, global peace, and prosperity.
6. Promote community pride and ownership of the university through physical and intellectual openness by creating opportunities for ongoing dialogue and discussion.
7. Engage with, serve, and draw strength from the diversity of our external communities, in particular Aboriginal, Franco-Albertan, multicultural, rural, and northern communities.

Organization and Support

1. Develop an endowment comparable to the best public research universities in the world.
2. Secure resources to provide the best education and to support world-class research and creative activity, the dissemination and translation of that activity, and for fostering citizenship.
3. Provide needs-based and merit-based financial assistance to increase affordability for all students and offer competitive fellowships to attract outstanding graduate students.
4. Build and enhance classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and museums, as well as athletic, social, and residential facilities to provide a transformative university experience.
5. Set priorities and continue to invest in world-class teaching and research infrastructure.
6. Establish high standards of service based on best practices to achieve and maintain good stewardship of resources.
7. Promote administrative effectiveness and good governance by improving communication between units, enhancing collaboration, implementing transformative ideas, and revising organizational structures.



To Your Health

Two new buildings aim to house the best and brightest in one of North America's top research facilities

Pharmacology professor Peter Light is clearly excited about his upcoming move. It may not be time to pack up yet, but when the day arrives sometime in 2007, you know he's going to be more than ready to pick up his belongings and settle into his new home in the Health Research Innovation Facility now under construction.

The new facility Light, along with his staff and students, will be moving into comprises two separate buildings (East and West, Phase I and II respectively) that sit like bookends between the Heritage Medical Research Centre on the south side of 87th Avenue between 112 and 114 Streets.

It's not so much the attraction of the physical space and the chance to work in a brand new building that Light is looking forward to, although that is an added bonus not to be taken lightly.

But as one of the first groups to take up residence in the East building where he'll be a part of the Alberta Diabetes Institute (ADI), Light will be able to work side by side with researchers from such diverse fields as nutrition, exercise physiology and the basic sciences in their combined fight against diabetes. And that's something he's really looking forward to.

"For us," says Light, "this strategic move represents a more synergistic

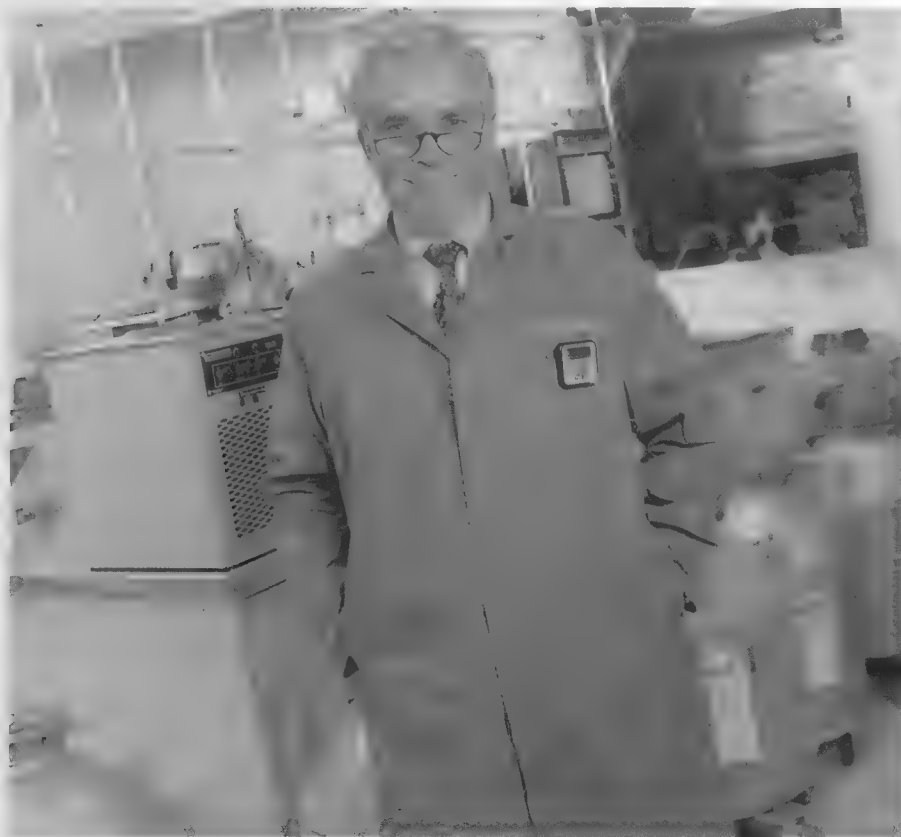
way of advancing our diabetes-related research."

Leading diabetes researcher Ray Rajotte, '71 BSc(Eng), '73 MEng, '75 PhD, couldn't agree more. "The ADI will build on the U of A's renowned reputation for conducting diabetes research and accentuate the bench-to-bedside approach to treating the condition," says Rajotte. "We're bringing all these disciplines together under one roof to enable collaborative research to flourish and we're confident this Institute will become North America's premier such facility."

Another research initiative expected to reap the benefits of the move into the new space is the Alberta Transplant Institute (ATI) — a U of A-Capital Health joint venture. The ATI plans to bring researchers together in a multidisciplinary environment to research creative ways to overcome transplant challenges.

"Our research into applying gene chip technology to the study of organ rejection could be instrumental in identifying the processes that cause a transplant to fail leading to greater transplant success," says ATI director Phil Halloran. "And a more thorough understanding of the rejection processes will enable doctors to prescribe more accurate therapies for patients facing organ rejection, identify new targets, and perform effective clinical trials."

Diabetes and transplantation researchers aren't the only ones looking forward to setting up house in the new space. When Phase I is ready for occupancy it will provide a home for the Institute for Biomolecular Design; Project CyberCell; Centre of Excellence for Viral Hepatitis Research; Centre of Excellence for Gastrointestinal Inflammation and Immunity Research;



Diabetes researcher Ray Rajotte: "The ADI will build on the U of A's renowned reputation."



Left: View of the new building's atrium. Along with innovative research initiatives, a new large lecture theatre will also provide additional space for education. Right: Exterior view of the new East building

Cardiovascular Translational Research Centre; and the Project to Restore Movement. Other research initiatives are slated for Phase II occupancy.

Last year, the provincial government took a giant step forward in backing the researchers and their colleagues involved in all these projects with an additional \$500 million contribution to the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) endowment. The Alberta Diabetes Foundation has also kicked in some money to back the ongoing construction, and approximately \$15 million in federal funding is coming from the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

University officials are hoping to raise approximately 10 percent of the construction costs from the broader community, now expected to exceed \$250 million for both buildings' shells and the initial Phase I fit-up. When completed the two buildings will add about 65,000 square metres of additional space to accommodate over 100 new professors as well as the graduate students, technicians and postdoctoral fellows that will work in the new labs.

"We're at a crossroad now analogous to the one the University found itself at in 1980," says Tom Marrie, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and

Dentistry. "Then, the provincial government had the wisdom to create AHFMR with an initial endowment of \$300 million, and it constructed the Heritage Medical Research Building.



"For us, this strategic move represents a more synergistic way of advancing our diabetes-related research."

—Peter Light

"Together, these two initiatives gave the U of A the resources to attract some of the world's top people to Edmonton and as a consequence created one of North America's top health research universities. Today, we're about to take the next step."

Health care is first and foremost about treating people, but it's also big business, and University officials anticipate that the expansion will have a substantial impact on the city's economy, increasing the amount of research funding to the University, creating jobs on campus and in spin-off companies, increasing the goods and services the University purchases annually, and ultimately contributing to better health care both here in Alberta and worldwide as new treatments for diseases are discovered.

"The new buildings are really only a means to an end," says Dr. Marrie. "Just as the province is coming to play a more prominent national role culturally, economically and politically, we expect this next generation of health educators and researchers who will join us over the next several years will play an equally prominent role in health research and education and be in the forefront of discovery." ■

—Michael Robb, '89 BA

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REFLECTIONS



When new president Indira Samarasekera first arrived on the University campus, you could sense a renewed excitement in the air as we, along

with her, embarked on a new phase in our University's life.

As the 12th president in the University's history, Dr. Samarasekera looked to the past to see where we had come from and the future to see where we might be headed as she presented a challenge to the university community at large with her "dare to discover" initiative.

She has now incorporated this initiative in a document-in-process that will set the tone for the University for many years to come. Called "Dare to Discover: A Vision for a Great University," this document, once finalized and approved, will stand as the University of Alberta's "Values" statement.

In order to arrive at a consensus for what values, ideas, concepts and ideals this document should express, Samarasekera opened up the discussion to anyone who wanted to contribute something of note to its creation. She held open town meetings, consulted with deans and the University's Board of Governors, met with civic and industry leaders, and sought the advice of the Alumni Association—all in an effort to let everyone know that their voice would be heard and their comments duly considered as to what exact values the University of Alberta's Values Statement would express.

To this point, everyone who has contributed their voice to this work in progress has agreed on one point—that this is an essential declaration to make because it will stand for all time as a reminder of the path we have freely stated we are committed to follow.

In this issue, you'll find the current draft of that "Values" statement in its entirety. I hope as you read through it you'll be moved, as President Samarasekera also hopes, to find your own "creative and innovative way to participate in the U of A community."

Dick Wilson, '74 BA, '75 LLB
Alumni Association President

trails

Following the Footsteps of University of Alberta Alumni



Narrow-leaved hawksbeard
in a stand of foxtail barley

Before he became dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Home Economics at the University of Alberta, **Ian Morrison, '69 BSc(Ag), '73 MSc**, built an international reputation as a weed scientist. While he devoted much of his life to helping farmers control them, Morrison could appreciate the beauty—sometimes subtle, sometimes brilliant—of unwelcome plant species. He was adept at capturing that beauty with his camera and his colleagues resigned themselves to his taking away a goodly portion of the prizes at the annual photo competitions sponsored by the Canadian Weed Science Society.

When Morrison left the dean's office in 2004, he devoted himself to catching up with developments in farming at the grassroots level, returned to the classroom, and did some writing for farm publications. Passionate about ensuring the future viability of Alberta's renewable resources, he planned to work in the area of environmentally sustainable agriculture. He also began indexing his hundreds of photographs of plant life and rural scenes with an eye to possibly producing a photographic guide to the plant species to be seen along Alberta's backroads. Tragically, those plans had no chance to come to fruition. On 8 January 2006 Morrison, an experienced horseman, died as a result of an accident that occurred while he was riding in a pasture at his home near Sherwood Park, Alberta.

A memorial website honouring the former AFHE dean can be found at www.afhe.ualberta.ca/morrison.

SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS



Etty Cameron (Shaw), '76 Dip(Ed), '93 MEd, says her Jamaican upbringing has a lot to do with her approach to helping others. "Our house in

Jamaica was like the community hall of the village," she says. Since moving to Canada Etty has made her own home a gathering place, especially for international students.

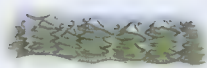
Etty received the Senior's Centennial Award from Changing Together: A Centre for Immigrant Women in November 2005 in recognition of her successful teaching career and her unselfish contributions to the community. As a volunteer she visits shut-ins, drives for Capital Health, and works with organizations including the Delta Kappa Gamma Society (a group of teachers) and the Council of Canadians of African and Caribbean Heritage.

But Etty is perhaps best known for inviting international students to her home for Christmas dinner, a practice she started years ago as a new U of A student. "Most of the international students lived in Pembina or Lister Hall," she explains, "but I had registered late and wasn't able to get into residence." So at Christmas she invited other students to her place off-campus where Etty would cook the meal to share.

After graduation and starting her career as a school teacher, Etty kept up the tradition. Christmas at the Camerons' invariably saw an international student or two sharing the meal of turkey, stuffing, and curried goat. "I have a small family, two sons, and I like to have my table filled," says Etty.

Now retired, Etty finds that her volunteer work keeps her busier than ever. A few years ago she also brought a Jamaican tradition to her home in Sherwood Park when she had a veranda built on the front of her house. "That's what we do on the island," she says. "The veranda is an invitation to others, to the weak, tired and weary, to sit and rest."

Through her veranda, and through her extensive volunteer work over the past 40 years, Etty has extended an invitation to hundreds of people to sit, rest, visit, and, in many cases, share her home-cooked food.



evergreen



Ipod Winner

As someone who's "always been involved in dancing," **Kristina Lemieux**, '05 BA, is used to moving to the music. Now, the winner of a contest run by the Alumni Association has a pink iPod to play groove-inspiring tunes.

Kristina won the iPod after joining the University's online alumni community. She's already loaded it with the music of her favourite Canadian singers — Sarah Harmer, Martha Wainwright, and Luke Doucet, among others.

Kristina has been involved in the campus dance group Orchesis since she came to the U of A. As for using her iPod, "I dance to the music, of course," she says, "but not when I'm on the bus. On the bus, I dance in my head only."

Changes in the Office of Alumni Affairs

A new Coordinator of Alumni Chapters and Branches started in February. **John Perrino**, '93 BA(RecAdmin) is familiar to some in Alumni Affairs, as he worked in the office a few years ago in various areas before finding work

in the provincial legislative assembly, Alberta Cerebral Palsy Association, and the City of Edmonton.



John Perrino

Back at the U of A, John will be responsible for the alumni chapter events and some branch activities. "I'm looking forward to working with all the energetic volunteers who support the University of Alberta," says John. "The work they do in helping us connect people to the U of A is important." John will be attending chapter events in the coming months and can be reached at 492-6566.



Tracy Salmon

Tracy Salmon, '91 BA, '96 MSc, has assumed a new role as Coordinator of Research and Marketing. Among her duties Salmon is responsible for keeping up with what our alumni group wants to see in programs and events. One of the first things she has done in her new job is oversee and analyze an extensive alumni survey and determine the best way to respond to what our alumni are telling us.

Survey Says

A recent alumni survey included questions about *New Trail*. Close to 98 percent of our readers rate *New Trail* as good to excellent, a slight increase over the same ques-

tion posed in 2002; over 98 percent rate *New Trail* as good to excellent in the area of credibility and accuracy. Over 90 percent of the alumni receive *New Trail*, and 82 percent think that it is important. The percentage of those who read the different sections has increased since a similar survey was conducted in 2002. The best-read sections are: Bear Country (stories that focus on campus happenings), feature stories, and class notes.

Of course, covering such a dynamic campus with outstanding alumni makes it easy to find interesting stories to share, and *New Trail* is happy to be your connection to a snapshot of the green and gold.

Call for Class Reps

The Office of Alumni Affairs is recruiting Reunion Class Organizers for Reunion 2006. We currently have over 110 volunteers to plan their class/group reunions. To see if your class is still needing an organizer, check out the list at www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/alumnireunion. If not, maybe this is something you would like to take on! This role takes very little time and effort—unless you choose otherwise. We will do all we can to ensure that organizing your class reunion is as easy as possible.

If this is something you or your classmates would be interested in or you would like more information, please contact Sheila Stosky at (780) 492-0866 or toll-free at 1-800-661-2593.

Chair Takes a Seat

Ruth Kelly, '78 BA, Board of Governors representative on Alumni Council, stepped down as Chair of the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce in February.

The U of A grad (who specialized in experimental Canadian poetry) was also formerly the Arts Faculty representative on Council, among her many other activities that include a stint on the U of A's Regional Advancement Committee and being a board member of such organizations as the Downtown Development Corporation, the Edmonton Women of Vision, the Art and Design in Public Places program—not to mention her day job as Publisher of *Alberta Venture* (and five other magazines), a publication she pur-

chased from the Alberta government in 1997 and turned into a thriving business publication with over 25 employees.

Kelly spent a considerable amount of her time as Chamber of Commerce Chair lobbying for more compassionate and effective ways for politicians and business leaders to more fully integrate Aboriginal people into the Alberta success story. As well as encouraging businesses to take the lead in hiring and mentoring Aboriginals, she also spoke (and continues to do so) frankly about her concerns that the money currently flowing into provincial coffers from Alberta's resource-based economy was not being effectively invested in creating a healthy and balanced intellectual and financial future for the province.



The Vancouver Alumni Branch held a Christmas Brunch on 11 December 2005 at Burnaby Mountain Golf Resort, and it saw a good turnout of Pharmacy grads. Pictured are **Ed Bruns**, '60 BSc(Pharm), **Michael Bruns**, '59 BSc(Pharm), **Lois Hunter**, '60 BSc(Pharm), **Bernard Riedel**, '43 BSc(Pharm), '49 MSc, '90 DSc (Honorary), and **Vic Harrison**, '58 BSc(Pharm).

Alumni Events

For more information about alumni events, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs by phone at 780-492-3224 or (toll-free in North America) 1-800-661-2593 or by e-mail at alumni@ualberta.ca. You can also check the alumni events website at www.ualberta.ca/alumni/events.

11 March 2006 Vancouver, BC

Dental Alumni Association
Pacific Dental Conference and Reception

21 March 2006 Ottawa, ON

President's Reception
Chateau Laurier
Guest Speaker: President Indira Samarasekera
Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs

25 March 2006 Lethbridge, AB

Annual Alumni Branch AGM and Dessert Reception
Lethbridge Lodge
Guest Speaker: U of A Associate Professor of Physical Education and Recreation Billy Streaton on "The Power of Laughter and Humour."
Contact: Laurence Hoye, '55 BSc, '56 MSc, hoye@uleth.ca

25 March 2006 Edmonton, AB

Mixed Chorus Annual Spring Concert and AGM
Winspear Centre
Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs

4 April 2006 Boston, MA

All-Canadian Wine Tasting hosted by McGill Society of Boston
Les Zygomates
Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs

5 April 2006 Toronto, ON

President's Reception
Toronto Club
Guest Speaker: President Indira Samarasekera
Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs

8 April 2006 Washington, DC area

All-Canadian Alumni Dinner hosted by Bishop University
Hyatt Arlington Senate, Arlington, VA
Guest Speaker: The Right Honourable Joe Clark
Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs

22 April 2006 Victoria, BC

President's Brunch
Marriott Inner Harbour
Guest Speaker: President Indira Samarasekera
Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs

23 April 2006 Vancouver, BC

President's Brunch
Royal Vancouver Yacht Club
Guest Speaker: President Indira Samarasekera
Contact: Office of Alumni Affairs

25 May 2006 Jasper, AB

Dental Alumni Association 25th & 50th Year Class Reunion
Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

24 June 2006 Edmonton, AB

Orthodontic Alumni Association Continuing Education Day, AGM & Class of 2006 Graduation and Dinner
Telus Centre for Professional Development

28 September – 1 October Edmonton, AB

Reunion Days 2006
Join your former classmates for events held on and off campus.

Note to all alumni: We cannot send event invitations without current addresses. If you know of any alumni who do not receive U of A event notices, please encourage them to update their address with the Office of Alumni Affairs. The Office can be reached toll-free in North America at 1-800-661-2593 (direct line 780-492-3224). For address updates e-mail alumrec@ualberta.ca. For all other Alumni Association matters e-mail alumni@ualberta.ca.

Quality Time

Two groups of U of A grads are creating top-drawer designs

Roots singer Guy Clark put his finger on it. In a society that encourages keeping up with trends and getting the next new gadget, where the things you buy are often made to be used and discarded, he praises “stuff that works, stuff that holds up”—simple stuff you can treasure and enjoy for a long time. Clark might have been singing the praises of the products made by recent U of A grads. Though they’re designing and making different kinds of items—one group makes clothes, the other furniture—these grads share a desire to collaborate in making long-lasting, quality pieces.

Carmen Douville, '05 BA, Doha Chebib, '04 BA, Dara Humniski, '04 BA, and Anna Thomas, '04 BA, formed the Loyal Loot Collective—the name reflects their aim to create objects to cherish—while they were still students in the U of A's Industrial Design program. Ever since then the collective has been getting a lot of attention for their beautiful designs.

“We all became friends over the course of the first year of university,” says Douville. “We always knew we wanted to work together, so when a curated show came up, we did it as a collective.”

In 2004 the friends submitted four designs to an industrial design show in New York called “Cabin.” Three were accepted—designs for a rug, a coat rack, and log bowls. Each of the items goes beyond its practical application and combines a unique statement of design with a beautiful object that should hold up for years. As the Cabin show made its way from New York to Toronto and then on to Calgary, the small collective and their evocative pieces starting getting a lot of industry attention.

Since then the four women have created many new pieces and taken their ‘loot’ with them to design shows around the world. Publications including *Surface*, *Azure*, and *Applied Arts Magazine* have also featured their designs, and an upcoming issue of the industry heavy-hitter *Metropolitan Homes* will showcase some of their items.

In April the collective will travel to Italy where two of their pieces will be part of the 2006 Milan Furniture Fair, the largest and most prestigious furniture fair in the world. Getting there is a dream that came true sooner than expected.

“Our joke when we went to the show in New York was that we’d make it to the Milan Furniture Fair by 2007,” says Carmen Douville. “That was a dream, but we also thought it was a joke.”

In Milan they hope to meet “the one right person,” someone who will want to pay good money for one of their designs or go into production with one of their pieces and pay royalty payments to the group.

Finding a manufacturer and continuing to design and exhibit their work will keep the group busy for a long time. They each have day jobs in the industry but save a lot of their energy for the work they do together. “We all know we could design on our own,” says Doha Chebib, “but it seems natural to want to work together and work towards greater things as a group.”



Top: L-R Loyal Looters Carmen Douville, Doha Chebib, Dara Humniski, and Anna Thomas. Centre: Bonnie and Clyde Nesting tables. Left: Log Bowls

Photos: Loyal Loot Collective

Working toward things as a group means adapting the design process to take advantage of each other's strengths as well as relying on the honesty of real friends. “When it comes time to share fleeting sketches and ideas, we know we can be honest and tell each other what's good and what isn't,” says Chebib. “We share ideas on how to build our designs, and it's helpful when all four of us have attempted various building techniques.”

“We all have our strengths and weaknesses,” adds Douville, “so by working together we can balance that.”



Over at the south-Edmonton design offices of the new clothing line House of Virtue, three graduates of the U of A's Human Ecology program take the same approach to their work.

Janine Russell, '03 BSc(HumanEcol), started the clothing design company in July 2005 with Tung Vo and Alicia Payne, both '05 BSc(HumanEcol). Russell says starting House of Virtue was a group decision, and that set the tone for the collaborative approach to their work. "We have our own ideas but we all mesh," she says.

Payne and Vo draw up the initial designs — "The more we do it the more we learn to use each other's strengths," says Payne — and then present them to Russell for critique and improvement. "We all want to do our best, and we know that about each other," says Payne. Vo echoes her comment: "The end product is the best it can be, with all our critical analysis put into it."

After less than a year working together, the three have already hit the comfortable point of finishing each other's sentences and working together toward a common goal: making high quality clothes that incorporate the best of vintage, fit well, look good, and will last. "We are very conscious of high quality fit and finish in our designs," says Russell. Payne adds, "We want a balanced look, a beautiful look," and Vo explains, "The vintage is not just patched on."

Russell worked for the vintage store Divine for a few years (House of Virtue clothes are available in Divine's four stores in western Canada), and she knew there was a market in good quality



reworked vintage — taking the best of the old and crafting something better — and that Vo and Payne were just the designers who could help her see the concept through to completion.

"There's some beautiful vintage clothing," says Russell, "but not all of it can be worn as is — because it's too worn or is stained or has partly lost its shape." Customers interested in reworked vintage include young people who want the unique retro look, fashionistas who like well-designed clothes that aren't mass-produced, and environmentally conscious consumers who like to recycle.

Although the jury's still out as to whether either of these groups will ultimately find the expanded buying market they hope to tap into, their commitment to the pursuit of excellence in design and manufacturing will remain central to their aesthetic approach, as will their allegiance to each other.



House of Virtue designs: Knave Shirt (top left), Queen of Hearts Blazer (top right), Duchess Zip (bottom left), and Caterpillar Top (bottom right).

"We made a collective decision to pursue something good together," says Janine Russell of the clothes she's making at House of Virtue with her former classmates. Loyal Loot Collective's Doha Chebib echoes that collegial sentiment. "We all know we want to have a future in design together," she says, "and this seems like the best means to achieve that future." ■

—Shelagh Kubish, '85 BA

Photos: House of Virtue

Blake & Rhonda's Excellent Adventure

After four U of A degrees between them, a couple decides to major in making time slow down

The sea arch on Effingham Island, Broken Islands Group.

It was cold on the U of A campus in February of 1983, but Edmonton natives Rhonda Johnson, '86 BA, '90 MBA, '90 LLB, and Blake Johnson, '86 BSc, warmed up to one other at first sight of each other's footwear.

It happened in an introductory geography class. "I noticed his wool socks," says Rhonda. "I noticed her boots," says Blake.

The footwear attraction led to their first date at Dewey's in HUB Mall. Feet again played a role in their second date when Blake's turned cold. "He gave me a manila envelope ... and then ran away," recalls Rhonda.

When the suddenly date-less Rhonda opened the envelope she found a homemade card from her now not-so-secret Valentine. "He'd cut out magazine photos and matched them up with corny sayings like, 'It's Electrical!' with a picture of a lightning bolt and 'I've Had My Eye on You!' with a big E.T. eye. How could I not fall for him?"

Fast forward 20-some-odd years—they were married in 1989—and find the happy couple (and their two children) living out their dream in Port

Alberni on Vancouver Island (about 190 km north of Victoria) as hands-on owners of Batstar Adventure Tours, a biking, hiking, but mostly sea kayaking company whose motto is: 'Five Star Service—Billion Star View.'

"When we moved to Port Alberni full time in 2001, we thought we'd landed in paradise," Rhonda says. "We're surrounded by mountains, rivers, the ocean, two beautiful lakes, and over 100 different hiking and cycling trails within a 10 km diameter. But the locals thought we were crazy. Port Alberni was still in recession while Alberta was just starting to boom. Now things are picking up and more people are relocating here."

Their own relocation was a long time in coming as Rhonda began practising insurance litigation at Edmonton's Milner Steer (now Fraser Milner Casgrain) law firm following graduation from law school and her call to the bar in 1991. She remained there for 10 years while Blake consulted for Apple Computers and caught the desktop publishing wave, eventually running his own graphic design studio.

"The idea to start Batstar," says Rhonda, "was a mutual dream and passion of ours. It grew out of our love for the outdoors and the pleasure we got from sharing it with others."

Rhonda's own enthusiasm for outdoor pursuits was instilled in her from an early age. Her parents, Joy Finlay, '74 Dip (Ed), '78 MEd, and Cam Finlay, '68 MSc, are avid outdoor enthusiasts who for many years wrote a nature column for the *Edmonton Journal* and have written several nature-related books. Cam, a geologist and ornithologist by training, worked for the City of Edmonton where he received accolades for his work in starting Fort Edmonton and the John Janzen Nature Centre. Joy was awarded the Order of Canada for her work inspiring educators to take advantage of the natural world around them to teach students about science.

With that kind of pedigree it's a wonder it took Rhonda and Blake so long to shuffle off to B.C. and begin the Batstar adventure. (The name of the company was inspired by starfish indigenous to the area that come in a spectacular array of colours.) Ironically, it was

Rhonda's litigation work that indirectly led to the couple finally taking the plunge into total self-employment.

In the early '90s, Alberta lawyers were learning to adapt to a weak economy by marketing themselves more aggressively. Traditionally, that meant lunching and golfing. "It was hard for me to stand out in the lunching department," says Rhonda, "and I was useless at golf. But I loved cycling and I found a few clients who shared that passion.

"Blake and I had done a route called The Golden Triangle—a three day, 320 km route through the Rockies that begins and ends in Castle Mountain Junction (near Lake Louise)—a few times, and I thought it would be fun to take others on that ride. I organized an all-inclusive trip for my firm's lawyers and clients for four years in a row. It was a huge success. People changed their lives to do the route! I loved the organizational details and Blake and I both loved the personal satisfaction we got out of sharing our enthusiasm for outdoor pursuits with others."

With the sea kayaking trips, the mainstay of Batstar Adventures, the only thing they really share is that billion star view. Guests are pampered and spoiled as they kayak the waters of such places as Clayoquot Sound, The Queen Charlotte Islands, Johnstone Strait or the favoured Broken Islands Group, an archipelago of about 100 islands off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

All that Batstar guests have to bring along on their kayaking trips are the clothes on their back. The eight full-time professional guides the company



The Johnson family (L to R) Cassia, 8, Rhonda, Annika, 6, and Blake.

employs in the summer (the guide to guest ratio is a maximum 1:5) take care of all the cooking and cleaning as well as making sure everyone's safe and paddling within their own comfort zone.

Back in 1999 when Batstar first got underway, Blake (certified as a sea kayaking educator) was chief cook and bottle washer as well as lead guide on all the trips. "We started the business from scratch," says Rhonda. "Well, Blake really did. We had a one-and-a-half year old child at the time and I stayed back in Edmonton to practise law while Blake commuted back and forth."

"It cost us around \$50,000 to get things up and running," adds Blake. "We could have done it cheaper but our philosophy is to have premium gear that our guests can count on. It costs more up front but it pays for itself in the end."

At the time, there were fishing boats for hire in Port Alberni, but there was no such thing as an environmentally friendly outdoor adventure tour operator in town before Batstar arrived on the scene. And at first the local townspeople were a little skeptical about the business and its value to the community. Tongues wagged about the newcomers just bringing in tourists with more money than brains. "But now," says Blake, "with our involvement in local community organizations and our vocal and active support of Port Alberni's nascent eco-tourism industry, most people in town have come around. We were even chosen as 2004's 'Entrepreneur of the Year' by the Chamber of Commerce.

While gathering the gear required to launch their award-winning enterprise, Blake also made a promotional brochure that they began circulating and he created a company website (www.batstar.com). Then they waited for the calls they hoped would come in.

"Our first clients were a group of Edmonton doctors who called from Whistler, B.C.," remembers Rhonda. "They were sitting around talking over a glass of wine and had a copy of our brochure and decided they wanted to book a trip—all eight of them. That first booking was a thrill!"

"It may not make for an exciting story," says Blake, "but our first guided trip ran very smoothly. We had taken so many friends and *pretend* clients out before we took our first paying guests that we had all the logistics down pat. Nature does not suffer fools gladly and we weren't about to tempt her."

A mother and baby orca surface in Johnstone Strait.



Nor were they about to tempt the fates by immediately tossing all their eggs into only the one basket, or kayak, as it were. For two years (during which time there was “lots and lots of planning,” says Rhonda) the couple kept one foot in Edmonton and one in Port Alberni before deciding it was “reasonably viable” to put both feet in the water. Of course, if you’re going to radically change your life, why not go all out and throw another child into the mix?

“After our second child in 2000, we decided it was time to take the leap and have me join the business full time,” says Rhonda. “It was tough with two kids but at least they were young enough that the change was easy for them and now, at six and eight, this is the only life they know. They act as unofficial greeters and remind me of what I’ve missed when I’m briefing the guests on how to pack.”

“And they can almost make lattes,” adds Blake, “so our succession plan is working.”

“Seriously though,” says Rhonda, “it was bit scary to take the leap. And then after the initial thrill of the honeymoon period wears off the true test begins. The dangerous and often unmentioned part of pursuing your dreams is that you’re still going to have bad days. Now who do you blame?”

“There’s always the weather,” offers Blake.

Yes, the weather. Canada’s West Coast is notoriously damp, so what happens if guests paying around \$1,400 for four paddling days in the Broken Islands Group to almost \$3,000 for 10 days in the Queen Charlotte Islands encounter weather only a duck could love?

“If conditions are suitable, we dress accordingly and get in the kayaks and continue our trip,” Blake says. “Paddling in the mist and light rain is a wonderful experience. If you keep your head dry, it’s amazing how comfortable it is on the water when it’s raining.”

Since that first group of Edmonton doctors took Rhonda and Blake up on their offer of gourmet meals and visual grandeur, Batstar has taken more than 1000 people on its trips in all kinds of



A paddler is framed against a remote waterfall flowing into the Pacific Ocean in Nuchatlitz.

weather and has recently added the Batstar Adventure Centre and Café to its enterprise.

Throughout it all, “our basic concept hasn’t changed,” says Blake. “We offer first-rate, all-inclusive trips with top notch gear, flavourful, fresh meals, and professional guides. Why mess with a recipe that works? Nature is such a powerful rejuvenator and offering these trips in remote, wilderness settings gives people permission to relax, unwind, and let their hair down.

We look after all the details so people can stop multi-tasking for a week and feel time slowing down.

“The most rewarding aspect to me is guiding a trip and watching busy people moving off the clock. Our guests tend to be leaders and decision makers and sometimes they may take a day or two to give up control. But once that threshold has been crossed, it’s fascinating to watch the real essence of each person come through. At first, it’s hard for many of our guests to let us do all the



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camp chores and cooking. But after a day or so they get used to it and they settle in to being a kid again. We have an inside joke, 'If guests are not relaxed by the third day, they're clinical.' "

"For me," adds Rhonda, "the best part about running this business is the personal satisfaction I get from watching these trips change people's lives. In a small way I feel I've made a difference in our guests' lives and that feels great!"

On the downside, she says, "The worst part is the lack of separation between my work and my home. When I practised law I craved for more harmony between work and home. Now that I have it I crave more separation... Murphy's Law. Bottom line, I'm doing what I dreamed of doing, even if there are bumps along the way."

"Whenever I wonder if we're in the right business," Blake adds, "I think about the amazing guests we've had and the friendships that have developed over the years and I know that this is definitely what I want to do. People trust us with their most precious asset—their vacation time. We create a lot of time to relax on our trips and it's rewarding to see people connect with nature, with each other and with themselves in a very real and significant way that enriches their lives. Life gets real simple on our trips. Staring at a campfire just seems to bring out the best in a person."

After all the planning, the hard work, the bi-provincial commuting, the two kids to raise while getting a new business off the ground and the anxiety about whether they could actually pull this Batstar thing off, what would they do differently if they could turn back the clock and start all over again?

"I'd pay more attention to what I'm truly good at and hire someone else to do all the other stuff," Rhonda says. "I'm just now learning to admit that I can't do it all, and that it's false economy to think it will be cheaper if I do it myself instead of hiring someone else to do it."

As for Blake, he has only one regret as he looks back and contemplates what he'd change. "Pictures," he says. "I'd take more photos." ■

—Kim Green

Leaving Shadows

Lisa Grekul, '97 BA, '99 MA

Conceived in a fervent desire for fresher, sexier images of Ukrainian culture in Canada, and concluding with a new reading of enduring cultural stereotypes, *Leaving Shadows* is the first Canadian book-length monograph on English Ukrainian writing. The book analyzes works by Maara Haas, Janice Kulyk Keefer, Myrna Kostash, Vera Lysenko, George Ryga, and Andrew Suknaski. (U of A Press, www.uap.ualberta.ca)



The Politics of Multiculturalism: A Ukrainian-Canadian Memoir

Manoly R. Lupul, '50 BA, '51 BEd

The memoir of an academic who played a major role in the Canadian multicultural movement, this account provides insight into the ethnocultural aspirations that gave rise to Canada's policy of multiculturalism in the 1970s. The book will appeal to readers interested in Canadian culture and politics and in the problem of promoting minority-group rights in democratic societies. (Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies Press, www.utoronto.ca/cius).

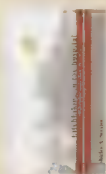


Hitchhiking in the Hospital

Shirley Serviss, '80 BA

In her latest poetry book, Shirley Serviss tackles the grimmer-than-grim subject matter encountered as an Artist on the Wards in the

University of Alberta Hospital. This is a wonderfully balanced and heartfelt work, never sentimental or bitter. (Inkling Press, www.inklingpress.ca)



Riding with Rilke: Reflections on Motorcycles and Books

Ted Bishop, '72 BA

Riding with Rilke begins with the account of a near-fatal motorcycle crash Bishop suffered near Kamloops, B.C., and then takes readers on the road through some of the richest landscapes in North America and Europe. The book was short-listed for the 2005 Governor General's Literary Awards and nominated for the Drainie-Taylor Biography Prize. (Viking Canada/Penguin Group, www.penguin.ca)



Dances with Light and How to Photograph the Canadian Rockies

Darwin Wiggett, '85 BSc, '88 MSc

Filled with light and colour, *Dances with Light* explores the beauty of the Canadian Rockies through the remarkable photography of Darwin Wiggett. In *How to Photograph the Canadian Rockies*, Wiggett shares techniques and tricks for creating stunning photographs. The small, narrow book is designed to be easy to carry and use while photographing in the mountains. (Altitude Press, www.altitudepublishing.com)



Europe 1715–1919: From Enlightenment to World War

Shirley Elson Roessler,

'67 BEd, '73 BA, '78 Cert(Arts), '82 MA, '91 PhD, and Reny Miklos

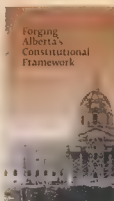
Integrating political, social, economic, and cultural history, Roessler and Miklos provide an entertaining and comprehensive account of the emergence of modern Europe, from the Enlightenment to World War I. Reviews stated, "there could be no better book than this on the topic" (Choice Review) and "a wonderful book ... superbly presented" (H-Net Reviews). (Rowman & Littlefield, www.rowmanlittlefield.com)



Forging Alberta's Constitutional Framework

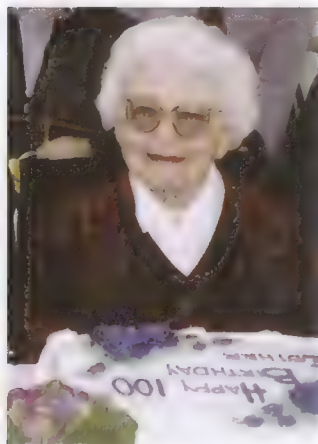
Richard Connors, '87 BA, '89 MA, and **John M. Law**, '72 BA, '73 LLB

Containing contributions from scholars across Canada—including several faculty members of the University of Alberta—*Forging Alberta's Constitutional Framework* explores the nature and development of Alberta's constitution by examining a number of celebrated cases and themes that have shaped and altered legal, social, economic, political, and cultural rights and responsibilities within Alberta and Canada. (U of A Press, www.uap.ualberta.ca)



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'27 Esther Miller, BA, of White Rock, BC, celebrated her 100th birthday on 10 February, surrounded by family and friends. Even the mayor of White Rock joined the party at the long-term care facility where Esther lives. **Claudia Bain**, '42 BA, of Burnaby, BC, who worked with Esther at the U of A's Registrar's Office years ago, was there and reports that it was a wonderful celebration complete with lunch, balloons, cake, and lots of good wishes for a remarkable woman.



'36 Molly Adshead (Marshall), Dip(Nu), of Victoria, was married to Reg Adshead for more than 60 years, and the couple spent time in Edmonton and Calgary, where Reg was the first administrator of the Foothills Hospital. Now, at 91, Molly "reclines in her Lazyboy," to write children's stories such as *How Buster Beaver got his Picture on the Nickel* and *Josie and the Talking Snowman*. She has also published a compilation of jokes and her autobiography, entitled *My Story*.

U of A—it runs in the family! **Tom James**, '45 DDS, **Paul Mick**, '05 MD, and soon-to-be alumna Corrina Mick show off their green-and-gold spirit at a family function held in Victoria. Tom is wearing a freshe hat from 1941, and Paul is decked out in a U of A T-shirt. Corrina will graduate from the engineering faculty in spring 2006.



'45 Arthur Stevinson, BSc(Eng), of Winnipeg, was back on campus in October 2005 to celebrate his 60th class reunion, and he had "a very good time."

'50 Amy Fong-Wong, MD, '48 BSc, was the first female Chinese graduate of the U of A's Faculty of Medicine. She was also Alberta's first Chinese woman physician. In 1979, Edmonton's Chinese community recognized Amy with a plaque honouring her as the "Person who contributed most to the welfare of the Chinese Community." Amy was also a passionate horticulturist. In 1995, she received the G.J. Lefebvre Trophy for best orchid species for her yellow Lady's Slippers, and two orchid species have been named in her honour. In 2005, she was named one of Alberta's 100 Physicians of the Century. Sadly, on 27 December 2005, she passed away.



Harvey A. Buckmaster, BSc, professor emeritus of physics at the U of Calgary and adjunct professor of physics at the U of Victoria, was recently elected a Fellow of the International EPR/ESR Society for his outstanding contributions to electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy. Harvey is considered a pioneer EPR spectroscopist. At UBC, where he obtained his PhD, his work involved the first construction of an EPR spectrometer in Canada and a high-frequency magnetic field modulation version that achieved a significant improvement in spectrometer sensitivity. Harvey, a former

assistant professor of physics at the U of A, has published more than 180 scientific publications.

'54 Lorne Hanson, BSc, of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Gemini Energy Corporation. Lorne is a professional geophysicist with more than 40 years experience in the oil and gas industry.

'56 Dora Bilko (Schnell), BSc (Pharm), of Edmonton, is busy collecting metals. Dora won gold in the 100-metre sprint at the 2004 National Canadian Seniors Games and a gold in both the 100-metre and 200-metre sprint at the 2005 Alberta Provincial Seniors Games. At the 2005 World Masters Games in Edmonton, Dora and her teammates—their total age was 271—won bronze in the 4x100-metre relay. These are just a few highlights from Dora's track-and-field résumé.

'58 Colin Campbell, BA, was on the move after his U of A graduation and served in the U.S. Special Forces, where he "did some 100-plus jumps—most exciting ones from jets." Colin now lives in Albany, NY, and is busy volunteering. He teaches English to new arrivals, and he reads for the blind on a program broadcast on a local radio station. Colin also explores rivers by kayak. "In retrospect, any successes I have had in staying gainfully employed and out of jail have been due in large part to my Gateway experiences and the friends I made and learned from while at the U of A."

'59 Hugh Bolton, BA, of Calgary, was appointed to the board of directors of WestJet in September 2005.

Len Folkman, BCom, was recently elected for a third term as councillor for the town of Creston, BC.

Victor Snleckus, BSc, the Bader Chair in organic chemistry at Queen's U in Kingston, ON, was recently selected the 2005–2006 Novartis Chemistry Lecturer. Victor was recognized for his contributions to the development of new synthetic methods used by medicinal and process chemists in drug discovery and development programs.

'61 Lawrence Mysak, BSc, will receive the Alfred Wegener Medal and Honorary Membership in the European Geosciences Union (EGU) in Vienna this April. This honour is one of the most prestigious awards made by the EGU to scientists who have achieved exceptional international standing in atmospheric, hydrological, or ocean sciences. Lawrence is a professor at McGill U, where he teaches and conducts research in atmospheric and oceanic sciences.

'62 Stephan Benediktson, BSc(Eng), of West Chester, PA, was recently appointed CEO of Daleco Resources Corporation, an oil and gas exploration and production company.

Harlan Hulleman, BEd, '71 MA, of Red Deer, was awarded the Alberta Centennial Medal at a ceremony on 7 October 2005. Harlan was recognized for his many contributions to the community and for his strong advocacy work on behalf of brain-injured individuals. Harlan founded the Brain Injury Coalition of Central Alberta and has been involved with the Brain Injury Association of Alberta and the Central Alberta Brain Injury Society. Harlan was also heavily involved in putting the former Village of North Red Deer back on the map. Among other things, he is the founding editor of *The Little Village that Grew: A History of North Red Deer*.

Darryl Raymaker, BA, '63 LLB, of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Groundstar Resources Limited.

Francis Saville, BA, '65 LLB, was recently appointed chair of the board of directors of Nexen Inc. Francis, a counsel to Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in Calgary, is also a member of the Institute of Corporate Governance.

'64 Ed Shirley, BCom, and his wife, Rhonda, are running a bed and breakfast in Ladysmith on Vancouver Island. Their website is www.hawleyplacebandb.com.

'66 Judith Miller, Dip(Nu), of Edmonton, is organizing a Diploma of Nursing (January 1966) class reunion, which will be held 12–14 May 2006, at Kilmorey Lodge in



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Waterton, AB. For details contact Judith at 780-484-7010 or e-mail jsollitt@shaw.ca.

'67 Daniel Chu, BSc, was recently appointed vice-president, medical chemistry, of Galileo Pharmaceuticals in Santa Clara, CA.

Keith McCrae, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Profile Resources Inc.

'68 Patrick Daniel, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Synenco Energy.

'69 Romeo Resaul, BSc(Eng), after building highways, airports, and structures in Guyana, the Cayman Islands, and throughout Canada, is now happily retired from his post as manager, airport engineering, with Public Works and Government Services Canada in Ottawa. "I was fortunate enough to have been involved in the construction of several buildings on campus in the early 1980s, my favourite being the tremendous VFR (aeronautical) landmark 'the Butterdome.'" Romeo is trying to organize a 40th-class reunion in Barbados, where fellow graduate **Trevor Kent**, '69 BSc(Eng), has a hotel.

'70 Peter Kevan, PhD, recently received the 2005 Gold Medal from the Entomological Society of Canada—almost 25 years after his father accepted the same lifetime achievement award. Peter, a U of Guelph environmental biologist, was recognized for his contributions to the field during the last three decades, particularly his research on interactions between insects and



plants and pollution ecology. A respected insect ecologist, Peter received the U of A Alumni Honour Award in 2003.

'72 William Laatsch, PhD, a professor of geography at the U of Wisconsin-Green Bay, was recently elected chair of the Carroll College Board of Trustees. William, of Sturgeon Bay, WI, was also named chair of the Carroll College Presidential Search Committee.

Joe Belanger, '78 PhD, an associate professor of language and literacy education, was treated to a musical tribute on the final day of his 26-year teaching career at UBC. The pipes and drums of the Irish Fusiliers (B.C. regiment), colleagues, former students, and an RCMP constable accompanied Joe on his ceremonial retirement march. Joe's high-school buddy Gordon Webb organized this event and wrote a tune, "Belanger's Farewell to UBC," for the occasion. Joe's retirement plans include developing "HandyGran," an organization dedicated to helping single mothers with small children by matching them with honorary grandparents.



Bruce McCollum, BCom, of Edmonton, was recently appointed general manager of Baramy Investments Ltd.

Roger Palmer, PhD, of Edmonton, was appointed to the board of directors of the General Insurance OmbudService in September 2005.

Michael Richardson, BA, '76 MA, of Ottawa, was recently appointed secretary of the board of directors of Light Management Group, a company that develops new applications in optical and light technologies.

'73 Delwyn Fredlund, PhD, '64 MEng, joined the Saskatoon office of Golder Associates Limited as a senior geotechnical engineering specialist. In 2004, Delwyn received the Order of Canada for his contributions to geotechnical engineering in Canada and his work for Canadian Food for the Hungry International.

'74 Bryan Kickham, LLB, '71 BA, of Edmonton, recently joined the partnership of the Edmonton law firm Miller Thomson LLP.

'75 Warren Frost, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, was recently appointed vice-president of operations and reliability of the Alberta Electric System Operator.

Laird Hunter, LLB, '74 BA, of Edmonton, was recently named an honorary life associate of the Cooperative Housing Federation of Canada for his long and valuable service to CHF.

James Jacques, BA, '78 LLB, of Fort McMurray, AB, was named to the Provincial Court of Alberta in June 2005.

'76 Richard Fedorak, BSc(Med), '78 MD, of Edmonton, was recently appointed director of the Northern Alberta Clinical Trials and Research Centre. Richard, a physician at several Capital Health facilities, is a professor of medicine and director of the gastroenterology division at the U of A.

Norman Kneteman, BSc(Med), '78 MD, '85 MSc, was reappointed medical affairs director of Isotechnika Inc. Norman, the director for the Liver Transplant Program at the U of A Hospital, is the regional program clinical director of transplantation with Capital Health in Edmonton.

Craig Neeser, BSc(Forest), of Vancouver, was recently appointed president of the Canadian Subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser Company Ltd.

Robert Phillips, LLB, '71 BSc(Eng), of Vancouver, was recently elected to the board of directors of West Fraser Timber Company Ltd.

'77 George Bowley, BSc, of Calgary, was recently appointed executive vice-president and chief operating officer of Colonia Energy Corp (TSE listed), a distributor of home construction products and technologies.

Lance Hogarth, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Cheyenne Energy Inc., a public energy company.

Alice Laberge (Romanchuk), BSc(Spch&Aud), of Vancouver, was recently appointed to the board of directors of Catalyst Paper Corporation and of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Maury Tymchuk, BSc, '83 BEd, of Edmonton, recently joined RBC Dominion Securities as an investment advisor.

Glenn McNamara, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed president of BG Canada Exploration and Production Inc.

'79 Oliver Botar, BA, is an associate professor of art history at the U of Manitoba. Oliver lives in Winnipeg with his wife, Serena Keshavjee, and their two sons. Oliver's latest project is the exhibition *Technical Detours: The Early Work of Moholy-Nagy Reconsidered*, which will open in the Art Gallery of the Graduate Centre of the City U of New York and will be accompanied by a 200-page exhibition publication.

Ross Douglas, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently elected a director of Arawak Energy Corporation, an oil and gas company.

Darcy Trufyn, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, recently assumed the CEO's post at Lockerbie & Hole, a construction, industrial services, and fabrication firm.

'81 Tom Mikkelsen, BSc, was recently appointed a member of the Clinical Advisory Board of Northwest Biotherapeutics. Tom is the co-director of the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center at the Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.

'82 Gordon Hensel, BSc, of Edmonton, was recently appointed registrar of the Alberta College of Optometrists.

David Kaiser, BCom, of Wetaskiwin, AB, was recently appointed president and CEO of the Alberta Hotel and Lodging Association.

Randall Krebs, BCom '85 LLB, of Hamilton, Bermuda, is a senior associate and the local practice group head of trusts of Appleby Spurling Hunter.

Daniel O'Byrne, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed executive vice-president, operations, and chief operating officer of Provident Energy Trust.



'83 Jane Ash Poltras, BFA, '77 BSc, of Edmonton, is the recipient of the 2006 National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Arts and Culture. Jane was honoured for her

success as a visual artist and lecturer and for her contributions to her community.

Aaron Lehman, MEd, operates Big Lake Country Interpretive Tours in Slave Lake, AB. Aaron recently wrote *Mystery on Dog Island*, a novel about a 14-year-old Aboriginal boy torn between two cultures. "A snowmobile crash, winter survival, a blizzard, and a phantom dog team make this an exciting read for all ages."



'84 Morgan Baillargeon, BEd, recently received his PhD in religious studies specializing in Native spirituality from the U of Ottawa. Morgan is the curator of plains ethnology at the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

'86 Dana Dolsen, MSc, of Salt Lake City, is the wildlife planning manager for the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR). Dana also serves as the western regional director, technical services committee chair, and is president-elect of the Organization of Wildlife Planners



OWP). In May 2006 at the OWP Alberta conference in Canmore, he will become president. "I look forward to coming home to celebrate our successes and venture forth with my colleagues to tackle pertinent and imminent wildlife planning issues in the U.S. and in Canada." Dana is married to Linda Sue and is the proud father and step-father of six children and grandfather of two. In July 2002, Dana was one of 500 volunteer facilitators who participated in AmericaSpeaks.

Sponsored in part by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation and the Port Authorities of New York and New Jersey, this effort helped to develop a citizen-based site redesign and memorial of the World Trade Center following the 11 September terrorist attack.

Gary Gardiner, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, was recently appointed president, CEO, and director of Peregrine Energy Ltd., an oil and gas exploration, development, and production company.



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James MacDonald, '89 BFA, of Edmonton, is the recipient of the 2006 Joseph H. Shoctor Award, a new award presented by the Citadel Theatre endowed in the memory of its founder, **Joseph Shoctor**, '45 BA, '48 LLB, '81 LLD (Honorary). James will participate in a comprehensive director's internship at the Citadel and will assist director **Bob Baker**, '74 BA, on *Peter Pan*, which runs from 20 April to 4 June. Most recently at the Citadel, James directed *I Am My Own Wife*. Other Citadel credits include acting in *Measure for Measure*, *Einstein's Gift*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* (also assistant director), *Othello*, and *Of Mice and Men*. He also served as the artistic director of the River City Shakespeare Festival for five years.

Frisco Consolacion, PhD, has returned to the Philippines, his home country, after 19 years of teaching at Sultan Qaboos U in the Sultanate of Oman.

Chris Peacocke, BA, '89 BEd, of Edmonton, is organizing an art show and silent auction to create an endowment to fund a scholarship at Strathcona Composite High School. The scholarship would be named in honour of **Christopher Judge**, '86 BA, a competitive runner who, after graduating from the U of A, earned his MFA at the U of Victoria before starting his teaching career at Memorial U in Newfoundland. Peacocke is a long-time friend of Judge, who has multiple sclerosis. "I'm doing this because of his [Judge's] unbelievable spirit. His two main passions—running and art—have been taken away from him by his MS. He is now legally blind but is still doing some drawing." The event will be held on 12 April at the Alberta Gallery of Art (formally the

Edmonton Art Gallery) in a downstairs gallery, at 5:30 p.m. It will feature works by Judge, his father **David Judge**, '49 BSc, '51 MD, and other U of A faculty members.

'87 Sheldon Graber, BSc, of Grand Prairie, AB, recently joined RBC Dominion Securities as an investment advisor.

'88 Kathryn Chisholm, LLB, of Edmonton, was recently appointed vice-president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of EPCOR Utilities. In 2004, she earned her MBA from Queen's U.

'89 Sandra Mah, BCom, recently became a partner in the Calgary office of Miller Thomson LLP.

Blaine Mathieu, BCom, of Ottawa, was recently appointed general manager, digital imaging, of Corel Corporation.

Mary Persson (Rich), BA, '94 MBA, was appointed director of internal audit services at the U of A in August 2005.

Carol Gibson Coyne, '95 BSc(PT), who competed in cross-country skiing at the 1988 Olympics, was the colour commentator for the Turin Olympics for skiing, biathlon, and Nordic combined events on CBC's digital broadcast station, Country Canada.

Coyne was particularly excited to see Sara Renner and Beckie Scott compete in Turin and to cheer them on as they won silver in the team cross-country sprint. Coyne was Scott's and Renner's coach when the two skied on the Canadian women's junior cross-country ski teams.

"I watched them growing up," says Coyne. "This is really meaningful for me."

Coyne and her husband, Geret, live in Canmore with their two daughters. Geret is the technical specialist for Biathlon Canada and Carol is a part-time physiotherapist.



Matt Townsend, BPE, married Khris Sellin in Las Vegas in May 2005. Matt works at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY, where he is the women's soccer coach and the National Collegiate Athletic Association compliance coordinator.

'91 Laura Marriott, BA, was recently appointed executive director of the Mobile Marketing Association (MMA). She manages the global operations of MMA.

Richard Neidig, BEd, of High Prairie, AB, was recently appointed president and CEO of Northern Lakes College.

'92 Denise Hendrickson, LLB, of Calgary, was recently appointed general counsel and corporate secretary of Syneco Energy Inc.

Jeff Kochan, BA, received his Doctorate of Philosophy of Science and Technology from the U of Cambridge in October 2005. He is currently a visiting researcher at a university in Zurich, Switzerland.

Michael Pucylo, LLB, '91 BA, '88 BCom, of Edmonton, recently became a partner with the law firm Miller Thomson LLP.

'93 Donovan Jones, BA, was recently appointed vice-president of marketing and business development of the Santa Clara, California-based company Xten Networks Inc., a provider of VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol), instant messaging, and other software.

Pierre Pelletier, BA, after years of being a writer, editor, and publisher for magazines and newspapers across Canada, is now the Group Publisher for Visitor's Choice Publications. Pierre lives in Vancouver with his wife, Kerry, and can be reached at ppelletier@visitorschoice.com.

C. Dale Keefe, '94 PhD, an associate professor of chemistry at Cape Breton U, was recently awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Molecular Spectroscopy, valued at \$500,000. He was also awarded approximately \$120,000 from the Canadian Foundation for Innovation. "This will allow me to establish a unique world-class laboratory right here at Cape Breton U to study important chemical interactions in the liquid phase," said Dale. Dale lives in Howie Centre, NS, with his wife, Shelly, and their two children.



Matthew Skelton, BA, '95 MA, will soon see his literary creation on the silver screen. Warner Bros pictures has acquired the film rights for his soon-to-be published first novel, *Endymion Spring*. Set in medieval Germany and present-day Oxford—where Matthew earned his PhD—*Endymion Spring* is a fantasy adventure about a magical book that holds a 500-year-old secret. The novel is set for release in March 2006.



Joyce Tryon, BSc(Nu), works in the Labour and Delivery Unit at the Royal Alexandra Hospital in Edmonton. She also instructs Prenatal for Multiples. Her husband, **Michael Tryon**, '86 BA, '94 Dip(Ed), is back at the U of A. "This time, I am in my third year working on completing my BEd—elementary in the after degree program. I'll hopefully be done at Christmas '06."

'96 Sandra Hawes, LLB, '91 BSc, recently joined the partnership of the Edmonton firm Miller Thomson LLP.

Spy Thomas, BSc(Eng), moved to Denver, CO, in November 2004 to start up a technical service group for the Rocky Mountain region of the U.S. with Quadra Chemicals. "In an ironic fashion, exactly a year to the date my wife and I moved to Colorado, the company that brought us to the Rockies sold us back to Brenntag, where I started my career!" Sypy is the technical service manager at Quadra Chemicals, which supports more than 50 percent of the U.S. natural gas processing facilities.

'97 Ashley O'Kurley, BA, left the most northern chapter of Phi Gamma Delta in Edmonton five years ago to build what is now the most southern chapter in Miami, FL. In October 2005, Ashley returned to Edmonton with some of his fraternity brothers from the Miami chapter to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Phi Gamma Delta at the U of A.

'98 Corinne Winter (Breedeveldt), BA, and her husband, Martin, recently celebrated the birth of their son, Ryan. Corinne is on maternity leave from the U of A School of Business Technology Group, where she has been working since 1999.

'00 Tamara Durante, BPE, of West Haven, CT, is an assistant coach of field hockey at Yale U. Tamara is also involved with the United States Field Hockey Association. While at the U of A, she was a starter for the Panda's field hockey team, finishing in the top five for most goals in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union for three of her five years with the team.

Sandra Lalonde (Laxom), BCom, of Edmonton, is working as the manager of staffing at Lilydale Inc. She recently got married on a "wedding-moon" cruise in the Caribbean.

Landon Leclair, BCom, '95 BA, of Edmonton, was appointed vice-president and chief financial officer of LTCO Inc., a company that provides cost-effective solutions in distribution and logistics for print media in Alberta.

'02 Yvonne Kohsel, BSc(Nutr/FdSc), after owning her own nutrition and fitness consulting company in Calgary, moved to Laguna Beach, CA, to manage a lululemon athletic store in preparation of her opening her own lululemon store in San Diego later this year. "This company is a way for me to combine my two passions, fitness and nutrition." Yvonne hosts nutrition seminars from her store and recently launched the organization's first U.S. running group—the lululemon heads. "I love every minute of it!"

Shawn McMillan, BCom, was recently appointed corporate secretary of the Edmonton-based company Ceapro Inc.

'04 Sonia Isaac-Mann, MSc, of Nepean, ON, a research and policy analyst with the Assembly of First Nations, was recently appointed to the Ministerial Advisory Council on Tobacco Control.

'05 Karen Robinson, MA, a U of A sessional instructor, recently received the 2005 Gerry York Moving to Inclusion Award. This national award from the Active Living Alliance for Canadians with Disabilities recognizes outstanding work carried out in Canadian communities and schools, which promotes and advances the inclusion of children and youth with disabilities in physical activity programs. Karen was honoured for developing the Centre for Adapted Group and Individual Exercise at the U of A's Steadward Centre.

Valerie Henltiuk, PhD, '00 MA, '88 MA, '85 BA, received the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada's Postdoctoral Prize for 2005, valued at \$10,000, for her study of the spread of Japanese culture across the world. Valerie is a visiting scholar at the Center for Comparative Literature and Society at New York's Columbia U.

They are the CHICKAdivas—a local, award-winning a cappella ensemble—and three members are U of A alumni.

Regina Landeck, '91 Dip(Ed), a mezzo-soprano, shares with the CHICKAdivas her expertise in staging, which comes from performing as a tango singer and dancer and from her own one-woman show.

Offstage, Regina is a freelance translator, a developer of educational materials, and a student working on her master's degree. **Marion McFall**, '93 BA, also a mezzo-soprano, was a member of the U of A Madrigal Singers and has worked as a soloist. In her CHICKAdivas-free time, Marion runs her own graphic design and voice-over business. **Guyline Lefebvre-Maunder**, '02 BMus, '04 BEd, the alto "who keeps the CHICKAdivas grounded," is a teacher in the French-immersion school system in St. Albert, AB. Chick-out their site at www.chickadivas.com.



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In Memoriam

The Alumni Association notes with sorrow the passing of the following graduates:

'25 **Arthur Valentine Baldwin**, BSc(Eng), of Emporium, PA, in October 2005

'33 **John Covey**, BSc, '36 MSc, of Toronto, ON, in January 2006

C. Dwight Powell, BA, '36 BDiv, of Nanton, AB, in October 2005

'35 **D. Bessie Lambert**, BA, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

'36 **Nikolai Nikolaiczuk**, BSc(Ag), '39 MSc, of Baie d'Urfé, QC, in December 2005

Ruth Eileen Sommer (Graham), BSc(HEC), of Victoria, BC, in October 2005

Allan Douglas McTavish, BCom, of Edmonton, AB, in November 2005

Ralph Hanson, BSc(Ag), of South Cooking Lake, AB, in October 2005

'37 **Andrew Baker**, BSc(Eng), of Campbellford, ON, in October 2005

'38 **A. Wesley Henricks**, LLB, of Calgary, AB, in October 2005

'39 **Douglas Stewart Bell**, BCom, of Calgary, AB, in November 2005

Chrissie McElroy, BCom, '41 Dip(Ed), of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Marion Helen Burns (Spreull), BSc, of Victoria, BC, in September 2005

Emily Maude Edwards (Milner), Dip(Nu), '47 BSc(Nu), of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Eileen Marion Neumann (Heuperman), BCom, '40 Dip(Ed), of Calgary, AB, in December 2005

'40 **Beatrice Madden**, BA, '43 BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Eileen Stuart, BSc(HEC), of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Frederik Johannes Verwijk, BA, of Mississauga, ON, in September 2005

Helen Alfreda Lane (Fox), BSc(HEC), of Victoria, BC, in November 2005

'41 **Stefania Carter**, BCom, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Valerie McIntyre, Dip(Pharm), of Burnaby, BC, in August 2005

Sidney C. Phillips, BSc(Eng), of Peterborough, ON, in December 2005

'42 **Robert Nelson Hicks**, DDS, of North Vancouver, BC, in August 2005

Henry Lawrence Williams, BSc(Eng), of Vancouver, BC, in July 2005

Margaret McKeith Gainer (Stewart), Dip(Nu), of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

'43 **Jessie Victoria Eeles Bridges**, Dip(Nu), '45 BSc(Nu), of Victoria, BC, in October 2005

Dennys Law, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Ivan Esley Barber, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, AB, in October 2005

'45 **Eileen Jorgens**, BSc(HEC), of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

'46 **Ronald Helmer**, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, AB, in December 2005

Tymen Hofman, BSc(Ag), of Grand Rapids, MI, in January 2006

Mildred Winnifred Spencer (Longman), BSc(HEC), of Maple Ridge, BC, in November 2005

'48 **Leonard Greenberg**, BSc, '50 MSc, of Regina, SK, in November 2005

Amy Fong Wong, BSc, '50 MD, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Agnes Marcee Lynass, BEd, '62 BA, of Edmonton, AB, in October 2005

'49 **Douglas Smith**, BSc(Ag), of Lethbridge, AB, in December 2005

Kenneth Seale, BA, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Harry George Krokosh, BSc, of Edmonton, AB, in October 2005

Carman Arthur Bliss, BSc(Pharm), of Edmonton, AB, in October 2005

Blaine Owen Archibald, BCom, '52 LLB, of Calgary, AB, in November 2005

C. A. Douglas Ringrose, BSc, '54 MD, of Edmonton, AB, in November 2005

Ruby Olga Anderson, Dip(Ed), '51 BEd, of Regina, SK, in November 2005

Douglas Francis Darrah, BSc(Ag), of Edmonton, AB, in November 2005

'50 **Garth Campbell**, BCom, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

'51 **Kendal Roulson**, BSc(Pharm), of Calgary, AB, in December 2005

Muriel Noreen Giles (Ostrom), Dip(Ed), '82 BEd, of Camrose, AB, in November 2005

'52 **Arnold Rapske**, BA, '82 MLS, of Calgary, AB, in November 2005

'53 **Florence Marie Hauck**, Dip(Nu), of North Bergen, NJ, in December 2005

A. Majid Ibrahim, BSc(Eng), of Mississauga, ON, in January 2006

'54 **Mary Balke**, BA, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Marjorie D. Culp, Dip(Ed), '55 Dip(Ed), '68 BEd, of Irricana, AB, in November 2005

'55 **Norbert Spohn**, BSc, of Calgary, AB, in December 2005

'56 **Irene Muriel Dyer**, BA, of Vancouver, BC, in December 2005

Joseph Alexander Riddell, BSc(Eng), of Onaping, ON, in March 2005

Stanley Zurek, Dip(Ed), '57 BEd, of Thorsby, AB, in November 2005

'58 **Joseph Steven Bernakevitch**, BEd, of Calgary, AB, in October 2005

Mervin Liebreich, BEd, of Lomond, AB, in October 2005

'59 **G. Ray Hugo**, BA, of Sidney, BC, in December 2005

Frederick Tabor Jessup, BSc(Pharm), of Ladysmith, BC, in August 2005

'60 **Ronald Honey**, BSc(Eng), of Kalso, BC, in November 2005

Alex Konasewich, BEd, of Calgary, AB, in December 2005

'61 **Donna Heim**, BSc(HEC), of Calgary, AB, in January 2006

John Locksley McNeill, BA, '68 BDiv, of Calgary, AB, in November 2005

'62 **B. Keith Becker**, BSc(Pharm), of Wetaskiwin, AB, in December 2005

Chester Houg, BSc(Eng), of North Saanich, BC, in January 2006

'63 **Myron Damian Baziuk**, BSc, '71 BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in November 2005

'64 **Elma Spady**, BA, '70 LLB, '96 MA, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Edwin Meeres, BSc, of Morinville, AB, in January 2006

Donald Ross Bishop, BCom, '69 MBA, of Sherwood Park, AB, in September 2005

Joseph Celeste De Paoli, BA, '65 LLB, of Calgary, AB, in November 2005

Douglas Patrick Horning, BSc, of Spruce Grove, AB, in October 2005

'65 **Gerard De Vries**, BSc(Eng), '69 PhD, of Medicine Hat, AB, in October 2005

John Arthur Marken, BSc, of St. Albert, AB, in November 2005

Sharon Nadia Rosiewicz (Alexewich), BEd, of Sherwood Park, AB, in November 2005

'66 **Adele Wygera**, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Philip Tameji Sunohara, MD, of Grande Prairie, AB, in October 2005

Mary Ellen Beugin (Bodell), BEd, of Water Valley, AB, in October 2005

William Harvey Thoman, BCom, of Edmonton, AB, in October 2005

'68 **Anthony Cairo**, BA, '72 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Wilmer Ellis, BEd, of Calgary, AB, in December 2005

Lawrence Schienbein, BSc(Eng), '70 MSc, '74 PhD, of Pasco, WA, in January 2006

'69 **Michael Huska**, BA, '72 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Ian Morrison, BSc(Ag), '73 MSc, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

George Wasyluk, BSc(Eng), of Mississauga, ON, in December 2005

Terry Cook, BA, of Ottawa, ON, in January 2006

William Yuskow, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Jack Leroy Stout, BSc(Eng), of Edmonton, AB, in September 2005

Donald Elgin Browne, BA, of Victoria, BC, in July 2005

'70 **Gabrielle Janka Botar (Kralik)**, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in November 2005

George Henry Bevan, PhD, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

'71 **Maureen Butler**, BSc(Nu), '83 MEd, of Sherwood Park, AB, in January 2006

'72 **Brock Hutt**, BA, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Ronald Graham Craig, BCom, of Canmore, AB, in November 2005

'73 **Julia Sadlak**, BEd, of Thorhild, AB, in January 2006

'74 **Daniel Borden Fenny**, BA, '75 LLB, of Sooke, BC, in November 2005

Lynne Marie Schaub (Bonertz), BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Howard Clifford Lund, BEd, '88 MEd, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

'77 **Carl Richard Akitt**, BEd, '78 Dip(Ed), of St. Albert, AB, in June 2005

'78 **Ewen Nelson**, BSc, '87 Cert(Sc), of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

Lorraine Sulyma, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in January 2006

'79 **Jack Beauchamp**, BPE, of Calgary, AB, in January 2006

'81 **Cheryl Anne Lieberman**, BFA, of Edmonton, AB, in November 2005

'82 **Hanne Simonsen**, Dip(Ed), of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

Michael Graham, BSc(Eng), '91 MBA, of Sherwood Park, AB, in January 2006

Rolf Johann Ullrich, BA, '85 LLB, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

'83 **Pauline Dianne Beauchamp (Fithen)**, BEd, of Edmonton, AB, in October 2005

'88 **Vincent Cullen**, BEd, '02 PhD, of Edmonton, AB, in September 2005

'90 **M. Glen Lee**, BSc(Eng), of Calgary, AB, in November 2005

Mark Richard Tanguay, BSc(For), '94 MSc, of Edmonton, AB, in December 2005

'91 **Sean Crawford Andrew**, BCom, '96 BSc, of Edmonton, AB, in November 2005

'95 **Borden McLeod**, MEd, of Calgary, AB, in January 2006

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Victoria Kupchenko, Betty Miller (Bohme), Joan Carmichael, Jewel Dwyer, Beth Johnson, Gerry Grant.

A Chorus Line

"How time flies!" was Betty Miller (Bohme's), '54 BED, first response when she recently had the opportunity to view this 56-year-old photo.

The picture — "probably taken in the Education Building gym which had a stage and where most things happened" — depicts the group promoting Hank Thompson for Education Undergraduate Student president in 1950 (he won).

"I can't tell you a lot about the other people in the photo," says Betty (second from left), "other than all of us, except Gerry Grant, were first year education students."

As for what's happened to her since then... "I took a year off in 1952 to teach [at that time, a teacher's certificate was issued after a year of study] and then got married. I came back to the U of A and completed my degree in 1954.

By that time the other girls had moved on. In 1975, I completed a master's degree in early childhood education at the U of C, raised five children, taught 25 years in Calgary, and am now retired. I loved teaching and cherished every day I spent with the young children."

The young children she's referring to were mostly in grades one to three. Grade-ones were her favourite because, she says, "Six-year-olds are so smart and have a great sense of humour. It was also thrilling to take children in the fall with limited skills and see them reading, writing and doing sophisticated tasks with numbers by the spring."

And although she's long since hung up her dancing shoes, she fondly remembers doing "the chorus line 'thing' for election rallies and whenever else we had a chance." ■

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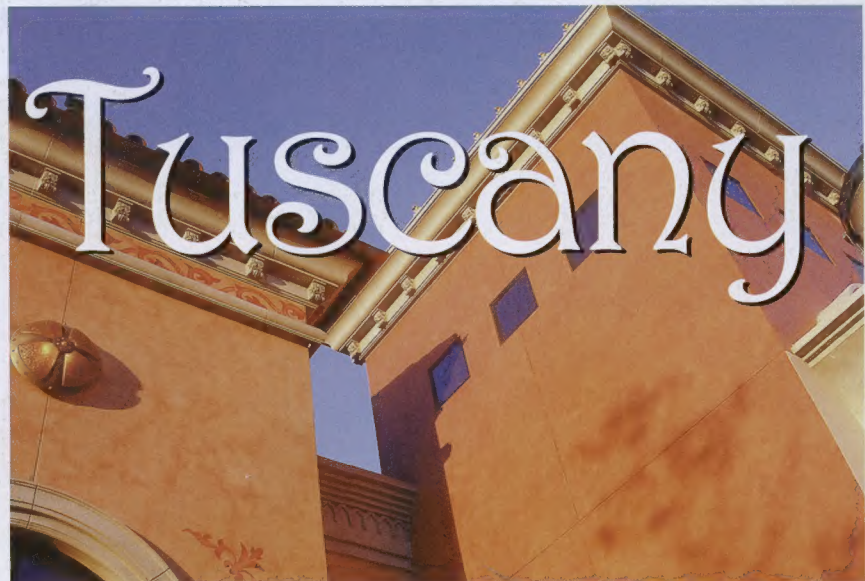
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Alumni and their families and friends are invited to take part in two alumni education programs that take advantage of the University's close relationship with Cortona. In the spring, the Alumni Association sponsors an eight-day photography workshop, which this year will emphasize digital photography. In the fall the Alumni School in Cortona focuses on Tuscany's history and rich cultural heritage, including its wonderful culinary traditions.



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